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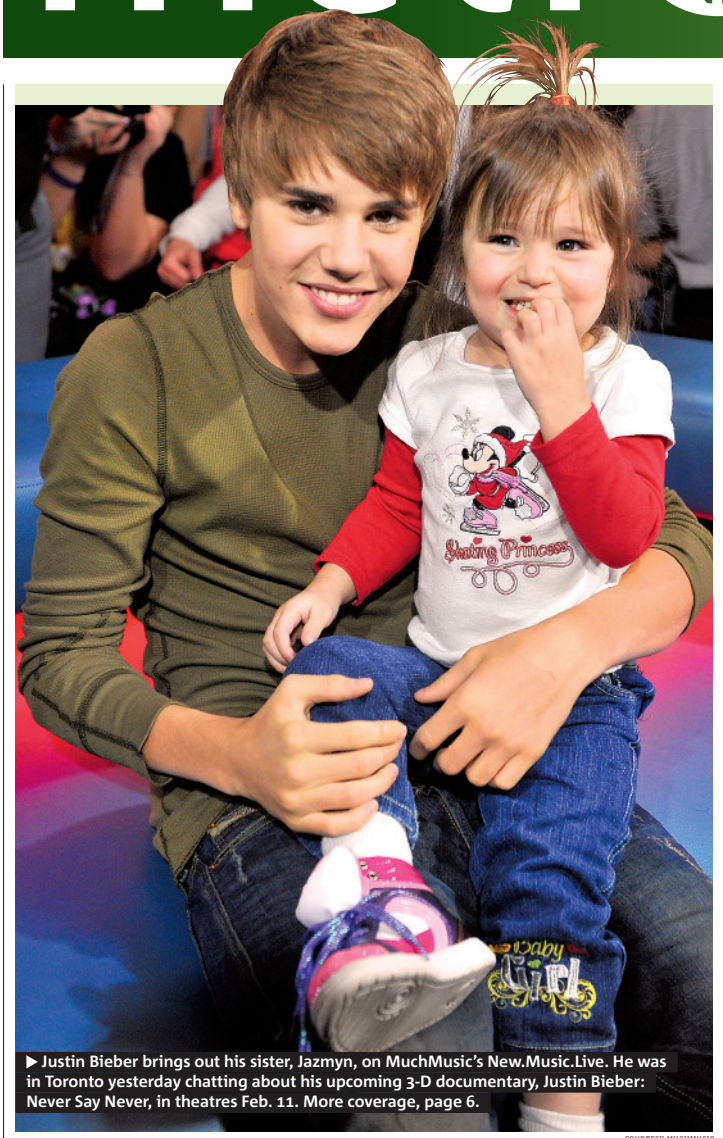

▶ Justin Bieber brings out his sister, Jazmyn, on MuchMusic's New.Music.Live. He was in Toronto yesterday chatting about his upcoming 3-D documentary, Justin Bieber: Never Say Never, in theatres Feb. 11. More coverage, page 6.

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Ogling Biebs just went 3-D

Freedom falls from their lips

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak tells protesters he would serve the rest of his term after U.S. President Barack Obama urged him to prepare for transition into democracy

They came in the hundreds of thousands to chant and sing about a new Egypt, one without an authoritarian presence, who in their minds is as good as gone.

An estimated 200,000 people, at times crushed shoulder-to-shoulder, filled Tahrir Square, whose name means liberation. And that is exactly how they feel.

The previous seven days of protest were days of rage. Yesterday was for celebration.

"This is an historic day. The regime is still there, but already we are living as if everything is different," said Nour Nada, a university economics professor.

As far as these Egyptians are concerned, there is no going back. All week, they shed their fear of Egypt's police state and held massive protests against a 30-year rule.

"His continued role in Egypt's transition is unrealistic."
U.S. SENATOR PATRICK LEAHY

They have tasted freedom and they are determined to keep it. They even call Mubarak names, using words like donkey and pig.

"He may try to hold on for a while longer, but we already know we won by being here," said Moustafa El Sheikh, a blind 60-year-old holding his wife's arm.

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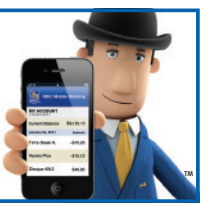

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Winter wallop packing a punch

People can call T.O. hotline at 311 to get updates and register concerns

Today may be Groundhog Day but unless the hairy harbinger of spring has a shovel, seeing his shadow likely isn't an option.

The first big snowstorm of the season — and likely the biggest since January 2008 — was expected to dump 30 centimetres of snow on the GTA by this morning, said Environment Canada's David Phillips.

The storm could be over as early as noon — but not before winds gust up to 70 km/h.

Meteorologists at Environment Canada have been watching the storm since Friday. It began in Texas — "everything big comes out of Texas!" — and made its way across the United States before arriving in the Toronto area.

Before it moved north, the massive system dumped snow over 30 states, with blizzards in eight. Chicago was facing almost 60 centimetres and winds were expected to kick up four-metre waves on Lake Michigan.

More than 50 short-haul flights scheduled for today have already been cancelled, said Air Canada spokesman Peter Fitzpatrick said. Travellers should check the Air Canada website before going to the airport.

The City of Toronto is ramped up and ready for the snow, according to municipal officials.

A fleet of snowplows was expected to start around 3 a.m. on the main roads and even earlier on expressways, said Peter Noehammer, director of transportation services.

After the main roads are plowed, the trucks will begin to clear side roads. The city's 200 salt trucks go out as soon as the snow starts to fall, said Noehammer. The Don Valley Parkway and Gardiner Expressway are the city's highest priority.

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Transit

- If you take public transit to work or school, there are no plans to run more buses or streetcars — the fleet is already at its maximum during rush hour, said TTC spokesman Kevin Carrington.
- At GO Transit they are "monitoring the weather system," said Vanessa Thomas, Metrolinx spokesperson. The schedule, as of yesterday, was unchanged for today.

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▶ A front loader fills up a truck with road salt at the Eastern Avenue winter maintenance facility in preparation for the incoming snowstorm.

Snowstorm by the numbers

20:1 Ratio of plows (600) in Toronto to to expected centimetres of snow (30).

4 Hours it takes for plows to clear Toronto's expressways and main roads.

10,000 Tonnes of salt Toronto is likely to use during the cleanup.

5,600 Kilometres of roadway the City of Toronto has to plow.

262,000 Number of driveways Toronto crews will clear.

300 Number of machines that will be clearing Toronto's sidewalks.

16 Hours it takes for plows to make one full round of Toronto side streets.

1,600 Number of contract and city staff that will be working to clean up during and after the storm.

5 Estimated cost, in millions, of the cleanup effort in Toronto.

50 Centimetres of snow that have fallen on Pearson airport (Environment Canada's official monitoring station for the GTA) so far this winter.

2,600 Approximate distance, in kilometres, the big storm travelled to the GTA from its birthplace in Texas.

48 Most snow to ever fall in Toronto in a single day, on Dec. 11, 1944, in centimetres.

10 Number of storm trains the TTC ran overnight to keep the rails clear.

5 Per cent drop in TTC ridership during the last big storm in 2008.

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Disgraced pathologist stripped of licence

Through lawyer, Smith pleads 'no contest' to allegations of professional misconduct Victim of misconduct calls absence at hearing 'cowardly'

A pathologist whose shoddy findings and misguided testimony sent several innocent people to jail was a no-show yesterday at a disciplinary hearing that yanked his medical licence.

The punishment meted out to Dr. Charles Smith in his absence gave little satisfaction to the victims of his misconduct and incompetence.

His voice tinged with bitterness, William Mullins-Johnson said after the hearing that justice had still not been done and called for criminal charges against Smith.

"His actions (were) an attack on my life," said Mullins-Johnson, who spent 12 years behind bars, convicted of raping and killing his four-year-old niece based on Smith's misguided findings.

Several experts later found no evidence to support Smith's conclusion that the girl had been sodomized and asphyxiated. Mullins-Johnson was acquitted by the Ontario Court of Appeal in 2007.

Smith did not dispute the punishment imposed by the panel of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.

Besides revoking his licence, the panel also ordered Smith to appear in person to face a reprimand, and to pay costs of $3,650. He could have faced a fine of up to $35,000.

A public inquiry three years ago savaged his methods. He has not practised medicine since August 2008, when his registration expired.

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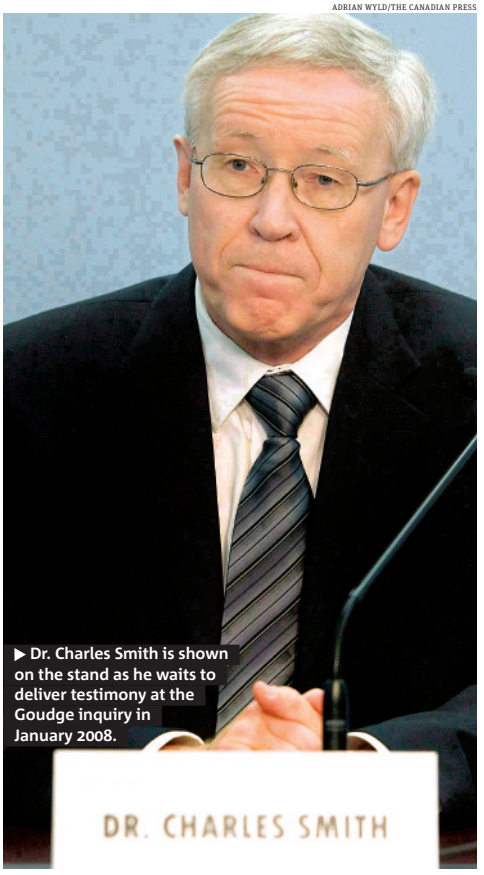

▶ Dr. Charles Smith is shown on the stand as he waits to deliver testimony at the Goudge inquiry in January 2008.

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SMITH'S VICTIMS SPEAK THEIR MINDS

"The heartbreak and pain of losing Kenneth was unimaginable but to be declared his murderer has unrelentingly tortured my mind and the depths of my soul." — Tammy Marquardt, who spent more than a decade behind bars for killing her two-year-old toddler.

"Although Smith is at the centre of this madness, he was allowed to continue his reign of terror even after complaints had been registered." — William Mullins-Johnson, who spent 12 years behind bars for raping and killing his four-year-old niece.

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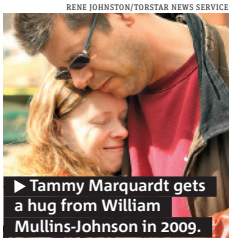

▶ Tammy Marquardt gets a hug from William Mullins-Johnson in 2009.

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Longtime Liberal takes up with Tories

The defection yesterday of a once high-profile Liberal to Ontario's Progressive Conservatives had the Tories talking about a possible breakthrough in Toronto in the Oct. 6 election, while Liberals fumed.

Rocco Rossi raised millions for the Liberals as the federal party's national director, but is now seeking the provincial Tory nomination in the Toronto riding of Eglinton-Lawrence.

Rossi, a card-carrying Liberal since age 11, ran unsuccessfully for mayor of Toronto last year. He said his defection to the Tories is a natural move for him.

"Anyone who followed the 11-month campaign in Toronto will see those principles I stood for — principles of fiscal responsibility, of practical solutions — are ones that line up very well with the kinds of change that Tim Hudak and the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party wants to bring," Rossi said on the grounds of the provincial legislature.

Transportation Minister Kathleen Wynne, who is also vice-chairwoman of the Liberal campaign, said recruiting Rossi smacked of "desperation" by the Tories to win a seat in Toronto.

She rejected suggestions that Rossi's defection showed the Liberals' chances of re-election in October are slim.

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▶ Failed Toronto mayoral candidate Rocco Rossi, left, tells reporters at Queen's Park he is seeking a Progressive Conservative nomination in the Toronto riding of Eglinton-Lawrence. PC Leader Tim Hudak listens.

Activist still can't protest

A Montreal activist banned from demonstrating after last summer's G20 protests has lost his bid to have the restriction overturned.

Jaggi Singh, who faces conspiracy charges in connection with the protests, asked a Toronto court to rescind his bail conditions, which include a ban on demonstrating.

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Faint hope

Singh's lawyer, Peter Rosenthal, said Singh could bring his case to the Supreme Court of Canada, but there's only a "very small chance" the court would hear it.

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Shark attack puts Canadian woman in Cancun hospital

- Lifeguards whistled, urged swimmers to exit the water
- Shark may have neared shore to give birth, say reports

A Canadian woman suffered serious injuries after a shark almost ripped her leg and arm off in front of horrified tourists as she swam with dozens of other people off a beach in Cancun, Mexico.

She has been identified as 38-year-old Nicole Ross. Foreign Affairs would not release her hometown due to privacy concerns.

Although she did not have her arm or leg amputated, Dr. Italo Sampablo, the medical director of Hospiten Cancun, said Ross lost "a large amount of blood" in the attack, which severed muscles, tendons and nerves to both her lower leg, forearm and hand.

After a team of surgeons operated on her, she was transferred to the Intensive Care Unit and, although she is in "a delicate state of health," doctors say she will live.

Angela Nichole Nelms said she was playing beach volleyball at the time of the attack. She said Ross was bitten to the point "where you could see her femur and arm bone."

Witnesses said she suffered the arm injuries while trying to force the shark to release her leg.

The beach was red-flagged all day yesterday and no one was allowed in the ocean. Shark attacks are reportedly rare on Mexican beaches.

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Teenager hit by TTC bus

A 14-year-old girl was hit by a TTC bus just before 9 a.m. yesterday.

She was rushed to the Hospital for Sick Children, where she was treated for potentially life-threatening injuries, said an EMS official. The girl was crossing Martin Grove Road when she was hit by the bus, police said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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▶ A security guard keeps an eye on fans waiting for a chance to see Justin Bieber yesterday afternoon at the MuchMusic studio.

Bieber hits T.O. to build film buzz

Justin Bieber extolled the virtues of Canadian treats such as Tim Hortons' ice caps, ketchup chips and Big Foot candies during a news conference in Toronto yesterday afternoon.

The teen is in town promoting a documentary about his life called Never Say Never.

It opens Feb. 11.

Bieber said the film is a good one, even for audience members who aren't fans of his music.

The singer, who was raised in Stratford, went on to say he was glad to be back in Canada.

He said he misses a variety of Canuck treats when he is away from home, as well as his family and his dog, Sam.

Earlier yesterday, Bieber received four Juno nominations. He's up for artist of the year, album of the year, pop album of the year and for a fan choice award.

The Junos will be handed out March 27, but Bieber said he would be unable to attend the ceremony.

He's also up for a couple trophies at the Grammy Awards later this month. He's scheduled to perform at the show.

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CBC's new plan: More regional and more radio

Broadcaster to beef up Canadian content, regional TV news, locally based websites Major doc series in works

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CBC president Hubert Lacroix poses beside banners for the 75th year anniversary of the CBC in Ottawa yesterday.

The CBC says it will open new radio stations and expand others across the country as part of a new, five-year plan.

Details of where the new stations will be located were not immediately released, but the broadcaster says the plan is part of a renewed commitment to regional programming.

Many CBC stations have suffered budget cuts over the last several years, with 350 jobs lost in 2009 alone. The last strategic plan in 2007 also proposed opening more stations, but without more federal dollars, it fell flat.

"Canadians have told us time and time again that the regions rank among our foremost priorities in their minds, but that they don't feel we live up to our potential," says the plan, called Everyone, Every Way.

"For different reasons, we haven't always been everywhere we need to be or able to do everything we need to do. We will reverse that trend."

Executives are also planning to introduce more locally based websites and increase regional television news during the day.

The strategic plan promises to beef up Canadian content and a major documentary series on the Aboriginal Peoples is also in the works.

The corporation says it will double its investment in digital services by 2015 and put more arts and entertainment content on its various platforms.

CBC president Hubert Lacroix said he wants the broadcaster to be a leader in expressing Canadian culture and enriching democracy.

"The way forward will be about seizing the tremendous opportunity we have before us to truly change our relationship with Canadians on a national, community and personal level," Lacroix said in a statement.

"We can't be all things to all people, but we can and must in some way be something for, and mean something to, every Canadian."

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350 **Many CBC radio stations have suffered budget cuts over the last several years, with 350 jobs lost in 2009 alone.**

Super. Centenarian

Besse Cooper, 114 years five months old, talks with her son, Sid Cooper, in her room at a nursing home yesterday in Monroe, Ga. Cooper is now the world's oldest person, according to the Los Angeles-based Gerontology Research Group.

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Oldest person in the world at 114

When asked about her new title yesterday, Besse Cooper, who was born when Grover Cleveland was U.S. president, said it's "rather great." According to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution newspaper, Cooper gave this recipe for her longevity when she turned 113: She minds her own business and doesn't eat junk food.

Under attack

- Police say the threats have been "serious," and include comments on social media websites and at least one email.
- Several Facebook groups have been formed to attack a tour operator connected to the slaughter, and demand criminal charges for what they describe as the "murders" of the animals.

Dog cull brings threats

The RCMP are investigating threats after reports that a B.C. dogsledding company slaughtered 100 animals when bookings dried up following the 2010 Winter Olympics.

The Mounties and the SPCA confirmed this week they are both looking into allegations that 100 sled dogs were culled in April 2010, some badly maimed and writhing in pain as they were shot and dumped in a mass grave.

Now, police say they are also investigating threats connected to the incident, although they won't disclose the nature of the threats or say who they were directed against.

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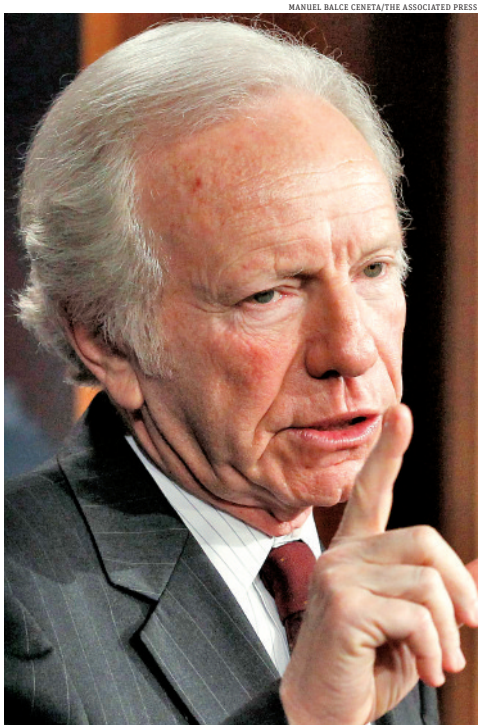

▶ Sen. Joseph Lieberman speaks during a news conference on northern U.S. border security yesterday in Washington.

Security too lax for U.S.

A new report by the watchdog arm of U.S. Congress found only a scant few kilometres of the border are secure, raising fresh concerns about terrorists bent on American destruction crossing the boundary unnoticed.

The terrorist threat on the northern border is higher than on the U.S.-Mexico boundary because of "the limited law enforcement coverage," said the report.

"The American people are grossly under-protected along our northern border," said Joe Lieberman, the chairman of the U.S. Senate's Homeland Security Committee.

U.S. border patrol officials control only about 50 kilometres of the 6,400-kilometre boundary, leaving the border "vulnerable for exploitation" by drug smugglers hoping to sneak Canadian-grown marijuana and ecstasy tablets into the United States.

"We have got to work together with our neighbours in Canada to raise our guard."
JOE LIEBERMAN

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security "reports networks of illicit criminal activity and smuggling of drugs, currency, people, and weapons between the two countries."

"We have got to work together with our neighbours in Canada to raise our guard," said Lieberman.

Lieberman also raised a long-held perception among many American officials, including homeland security czar Janet Napolitano: Canada has softer immigration laws than the U.S.

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BUDGET

Tories need support

Federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said he will bring down his next budget in March.

He said the budget will contain no major new spending, but said he is open to discussions with the New Democrats about helping seniors.

The minority Conservative government needs the help of at least one opposition party for the budget to pass a vote in Parliament.

Flaherty has said in the past he is open to making some room in the budget to meet at least some demands from the opposition.

The NDP have called for an additional $700 million to the Guaranteed Income Supplement.

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Therapist admits to abusing disabled kids

A 54-year-old man has admitted to sexually abusing more than 100 mentally disabled children and adults in care homes in Switzerland and Germany during almost three decades, in what Swiss police described yesterday as an unprecedented case.

The abuse took place in nine different institutions where the unidentified man had worked as a therapist since 1982.

"It's possible that in the course of the investigation more victims will come to light," the head of Bern police's special investigations unit, Gabriele Berger, told a news conference in Bern. Some 100 investigators have been assigned to the case.

The man was arrested in April 2010 and has been detained since, but police only released details of the case yesterday to prevent the investigation from being impeded by media interest. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

122 The number of victims who have been identified. They range in age from one year old and older. Only 42 victims identified are older than 18.

Crime map crashes

British authorities launched a new crime-mapping website yesterday that tracks crimes committed on a street-by-street basis.

But millions of hits have put pressure on the new site, which crashed within just a few hours of its launch.

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Officer cleared

Ontario's Special Investigations Unit has cleared a provincial police officer after probing allegations a woman was sexually assaulted.

The SIU began an investigation after the woman claimed she had been sexually assaulted by an officer last July.

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▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper and U.S. President Barack Obama pose for a photograph at the G20 summit in Toronto in June.

Climate change on U.S. visit agenda

Harper, Obama also plan to talk about border issues

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is heading to Washington Friday to meet U.S. President Barack Obama.

The Prime Minister's Office says the meeting will focus on the "important bilateral relationship" between the countries.

A senior government official, speaking on background, said one item on the agenda will be the next steps in the Clean Energy dialogue.

The two leaders started a conversation on bilateral efforts on climate change when Obama visited Ottawa in 2009.

Harper and Obama are also expected to discuss a perimeter security pact, which has been in the works for years.

The idea is to control who enters and leaves the continent in a consistent manner, allowing officials to ease security at the Canada-U.S. border, paving the way for a free-flowing passage of vehicles and cargo.

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Group sorry for Palin reference

A theatre group in Missoula, Mont., has apologized for updating Gilbert and Sullivan's comedic opera The Mikado by having the character of Ko-Ko, the Lord High Executioner, list Sarah Palin among people who would not be missed.

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▶ Sarah Palin

Criticism

- **Target** Several bloggers criticized the MCT Theatre Community. However, director Curt Olds and others noted the pacifist executioner's target list is often updated to make it relevant.
- **Well-known** Olds said Palin was added because she is one of the most well-known people in the United States.

BCE: Buyout prevents lock on TV content

Cogeco: CTV acquisition a disadvantage for Bell's competitors

BCE Inc. says it's willing to sell video content to competitors if the CRTC approves its $1.3-billion purchase of CTV, but the Montreal-based telecom company wants its rivals to do the same kind of deal making.

Chief executive George Cope said yesterday that BCE moved to buy majority control of CTV last fall to ensure that cable companies didn't have a lock on content.

"We don't want to buy all of our supply from our competitors," Cope told the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission.

BCE, the parent company of Bell Canada, wants to put video content including television, sports and news programs, not only on its CTV television services but on also personal computers, tablets and smartphones. Cope said BCE wanted to stop cable companies such as Rogers and Quebecor Inc. from owning all of the content through their extensive media businesses. Cope said he expects a level playing field.

"I will tell you with certainty if we don't see reciprocity from other content suppliers — we will act accordingly," Cope told the hearing.

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Hearings

- **Purchase** The CRTC is holding hearings this week to determine whether it will give regulatory approval to BCE's purchase of CTV.
- **Competitors** CRTC chairman Konrad von Finckenstein asked BCE chief executive George Cope if BCE would hold back content from its competitors.
- **Exclusive** Cope said that from "time to time" BCE may have exclusive arrangements with content suppliers, noting how Bell's wireless service provides exclusive access to NFL football games, but added that BCE wouldn't behave in an anit-competitive way.

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▶ Political and religious leaders visit Auschwitz, Poland, in the spirit of education.

Seeing with their own eyes in Auschwitz

Holocaust denials by political leaders gain clout

In a bid to fight anti-Semitism and bridge cultural rifts, a large delegation of Muslim dignitaries visited Auschwitz yesterday to pay tribute to the millions of Jews and others who were systematically killed in the Holocaust.

The group of some 150 people included representatives from Morocco, Jordan, Turkey and Iraq, as well as rabbis, Holocaust survivors and Christian representatives.

Several European dignitaries were also part of the group, including former German chancellor Gerhard Schroeder.

"Muslims have to stand up with Jewish friends because in Europe, anti-Semitism is rising, and where there is anti-Semitism, Islamophobia is not far away," said British Mufti Abduljalil Sajid.

"I wanted to see it with my own eyes — and teach others about the evil of hate."
BRITISH MUFTI ABDULJALIL SAJID.

Sajid said he knew of the Holocaust from books and movies but that it was his first visit to Auschwitz. "I wanted to see it with my own eyes — and teach others about the evil of hate. This should never happen again, to anybody."

Israel Meir Lau, a former chief rabbi of Israel and himself a Holocaust survivor, said he was happy that such a large number of Muslim leaders were seeking to deepen their understanding of the Holocaust.

The trip comes amid the recent upheaval that toppled a regime in Tunisia and which is threatening the regime of Egypt's longtime president, Hosni Mubarak, with whom Israel has painstakingly built strong ties.

Anne-Marie Revcolevschi, head of the Aladdin Project, said it was important to have the Muslim representatives on hand.

"The reason is clear," she said.

"Because it's primarily from some of these countries where the speeches and documents that trade in Holocaust denial, hatred and anti-Semitism come from."

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Barrett Xplore Inc. is rolling out a faster, more advanced broadband network across rural Canada, with the first leg of its new network launched in Quebec.

Barrett Xplore is aiming to provide national coverage in rural and remote areas with high-speed Internet by the end of 2012, CEO John Maduri said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Usage-based Net billing limits choice: Liberals

Restricting the amount of data a customer can get bytes: Petition

The federal Liberals are opposing a CRTC decision they say will allow major Internet service providers to put a cap on how much data consumers can download and ultimately lead to higher Internet rates.

The Liberals say the decision, which allows usage-based billing to go ahead, limits competition and choice for consumers.

Industry Minister Tony Clement said he will review the decision, as complaints come in from Internet users.

An online petition by OpenMedia.ca has bombarded Clement with thousands of messages urging the minister to take a look at the decision.

The petition has more than 200,000 signatures asking the minister to overturn the ruling.

"We're very concerned about CRTC's decision on usage-based billing and its impact on consumers."
STEPHEN HARPER

Joining that chorus of concern yesterday was none other than Prime Minister Stephen Harper — on Twitter, no less (@pmharper).

"We're very concerned about CRTC's decision on usage-based billing and its impact on consumers," Harper tweeted. "I've asked for a review of the decision."

In Ottawa, National Capital Freenet's users can currently use up to 200 GB per month as part of their monthly DSL service, which the non-profit organization buys in bulk from Bell.

The rule changes, the organization says, will likely force it to introduce new usage-billing thresholds at 60 GB and 300 GB.

"This will add to NCF members' administrative costs, and will be a hassle and expense for everyone," the group said in a message on its website.

Both the opposition Liberals and the NDP have come out against the CRTC ruling. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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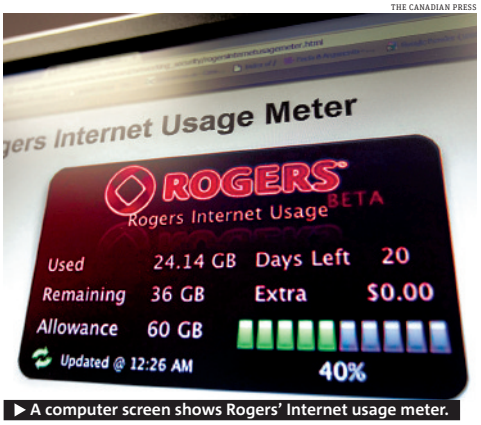

▶ A computer screen shows Rogers' Internet usage meter.

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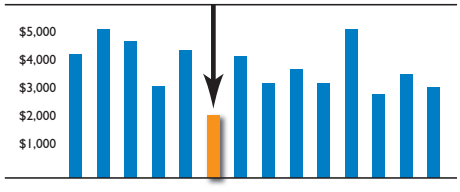

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Hey, it's Groundhog Day today!

Here's the deal. If the groundhog sticks his nose out of his burrow this morning and sees his shadow, for some reason that means six more weeks of winter, and he hurries back into his burrow and tweets all his woodland buddies: "It's too freaking cold out there. High pressure ridge. Stay inside. Avoid large raptors. Brrr. @Rodent."

If, on the other hand, there's no shadow, it's safe to come out since spring is just around the corner. Righhht.

The groundhog first dabbled in meteorology in 1887 in Pennsylvania with Punxsutawney Phil and his various descendents (groundhogs don't live very long), but not to be outdone, Canada has its own groundhog, Wiarton Willie, who's been doing the same trick for 55 years. And Gaspé even has its own groundhog, fred la marmotte, so the weather is badly predicted in both official languages.

"... and he hurries back into his burrow and tweets all his woodland buddies ..."

It doesn't matter that the fat little critter can't predict the weather, or anything else for that matter (uh, he's a rodent?), because it's a tradition. And you don't mess with tradition, no matter how dopey. It has its roots in Candlemas, which is the midpoint between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, as good a time as any for an outbreak of foolishness.

And it doesn't get any dopier than Groundhog Day. Same time every year, Feb. 2, just when winter starts to drag a little (except here on the West Coast, when it's time for the snowdrops and crocuses to start peeking their heads above the ground ... bwahah-ha), the media on both sides of the border lose their minds for a day and run front page photos of Fat Phil and Wide Willie as they "predict" the weather.

It's probably the groundhog equivalent of winning the lottery: Free snacks, although you might wish for a time before the paparazzi when life was simple — just a warm hole in the ground, a tasty stolen turnip, snuggling up to your favourite ground, uh, sow.

Being a rodent and a practical mammal, you're probably wondering what the fuss is all about. I mean, what is it with the animal prediction racket? Look at Paul the Octopus. He's got his own memorial in Germany for accurately predicting soccer's World Cup results.

Which is more than you can say about the groundhog. The shocking truth is that since 1988, Phil has been "wrong" 13 times and "right" only 10. With a record like that, he could be a broker.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

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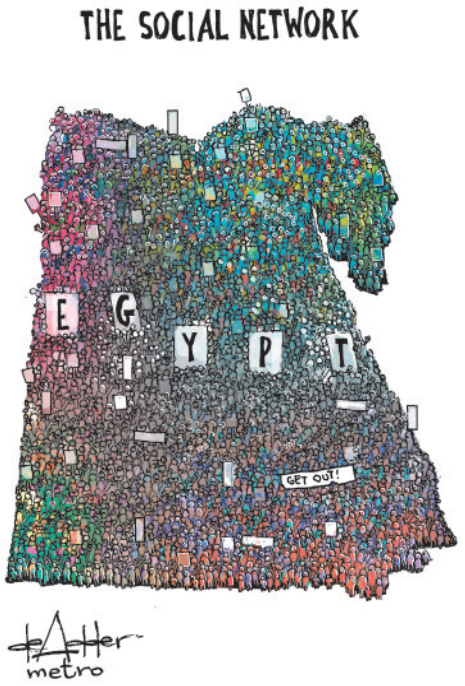

Don't believe the hype

Letters & Tweets

We asked: Who is today's most overrated band or singer?

@arnemitchell: AC/DC most overrated hands down.
@WillSturdy: Kings Of Leon, easily. Great band that hasn't done anything new except complain about how great they are.
@PXAbstraction: Nickelback without a doubt. Generic, bland, unoriginal, commercial, yet they think they are geniuses.
@sarb28: Kiss. All their songs suck.
@sergio115: Most overrated solo artist ... Ke$ha, Katy Perry, Justin Bieber. Pretty much all the pop out there. Where's the talent?!?
@lauraaeliz: def gotta say justin bieber ... I'm scared to see the streets of T.O. today. Maybe the storm will wipe out all the fans.
@dpsouthcalgary: Gotta be Kanye West.
@jla30: Where do I start?? Bieber, Drake, Ke$ha, Rihanna, Usher, Eminem, Nickelback ...
@dallasthumper: Bono or Sting — dear God they need to learn how to sing.
@sprogsca: Nickelback!!!! They suck. And then ABBA.
@dubstf: Taylor Swift. Kanye was so right! Her squinty face & annoying teenage angsty songs are BS.
@riteandan: Coldplay, Nickelback, Justin Bieber, WAY too MANY to name here!
@mqasim13: Justin Bieber, nothing more needs to be said.

Flat pop

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In honour of Groundhog Day, what's your favourite Bill Murray movie?

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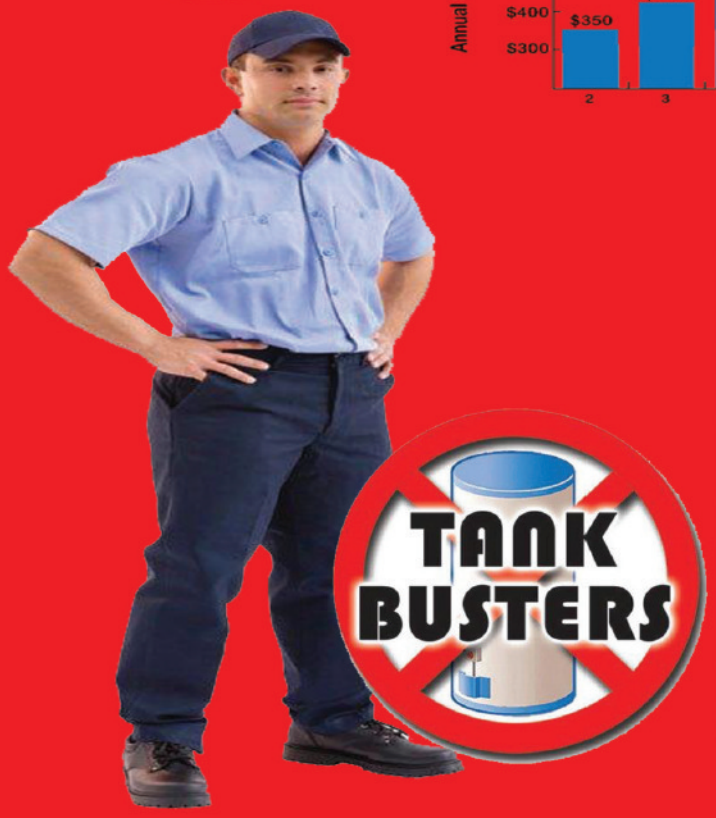

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Drake finding lots of Juno award love

Juno host Drake leads with six nods heading into this year's show
Bieber up for Artist of the Year

It'll be all about Drake at this year's Juno Awards.

The 24-year-old Toronto rapper is hosting the Mar. 27 bash and is also the leading nominee.

He's up for six trophies: album of the year, artist of the year, songwriter of the year, single of the year, rap recording of the year and the Juno fan choice award.

Teen phenom Justin Bieber, who grew up in Stratford, Ont., also scored multiple nominations, as did Montreal's Arcade Fire.

Drake, Bieber and Arcade Fire are also up for prizes at the Grammy Awards later this month.

All three received Juno nominations for album of the year. Rounding out that category is Hedley and country singer Johnny Reid.

Bieber, who was in Toronto yesterday promoting a new 3D documentary about his career, also got Juno nods for artist of the year and pop album of the year.

Artists scheduled to perform at the Junos include Arcade Fire, Broken Social Scene and Hedley.

There are 82 first-time Juno nominees this year.

The Junos, which honour the best in Canadian music, have been held in various cities in recent years, but are returning to Toronto to mark their 40th anniversary.

Shania Twain is set to be inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame at the ceremony, and legendary rocker Neil Young will be recognized for his humanitarian work.

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Juno nods

Shania Twain, who has won a number of Junos over the years, will be inducted into the Music Hall of Fame. Here are a few of this year's nominees:

ALBUM OF THE YEAR
Arcade Fire, The Suburbs
Drake, Thank Me Later
Hedley, The Show Must Go On
Johnny Reid, A Place Called Love
Justin Bieber, My World 2.0

ARTIST OF THE YEAR
Drake
Johnny Reid
Justin Bieber
Neil Young
Sarah McLachlan

GROUP OF THE YEAR
Arcade Fire
Broken Social Scene
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Great Big Sea
Three Days Grace

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2 scene

Woodie Award

The Black Keys have hit the right note with the mtvU Woodie Awards. The Keys are the only act nominated for two awards for the college network's awards show. They are up for Woodie of the Year, which goes to the top artist. Other Woodie nominees include LCD Soundsystem, Kanye West and Das Racist.

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Lucky 7: Miranda Lambert tops Academy of Country Music noms; Chesney, Zac Brown Band take 5

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DVD Releases

Conviction
Genre: Drama **Director:** Tony Goldwyn.
Stars: Hilary Swank, Sam Rockwell
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More cable TV heart-tugger than major motion picture, Conviction nevertheless hits home on the strength of three solid performances.

Hilary Swank's portrayal of Massachusetts woman Betty Anne Waters, and her 18-year quest to free her wrongly imprisoned brother, has more emotional heft than her showier role in Amelia. Her role wouldn't work as well, however, without the complementary acting by Sam Rockwell, whose entire career has been an underdog story.

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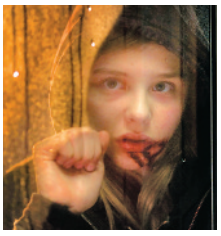

Let Me In
Genre: Horror **Director:** Matt Reeves
Stars: Kodi Smit-McPhee
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Serious horror fans were justifiably horrified when news broke of an American remake of Let the Right One In, the 2008 Swedish film that set the vampire myth as a mutual rescue for two lonely children.

So it is gratifying to report that Let Me In, that inevitable and abrupt American remake by Cloverfield's Matt Reeves, is more than just okay. It's actually strong enough to make the case that not all remakes bite.

PETER HOWELL

Never Let Me Go
Genre: Thriller **Director:** Mark Romanek
Stars: Keira Knightley
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Director Mark Romanek is faithful almost to a fault to the elegant prose of Kazuo Ishiguro's source novel. Working with screenwriter Alex Garland (28 Days Later), Romanek necessarily removes some of the novel's incidents, and moves up the shocking truth that the book doesn't spell out until nearly a third of the way through it.

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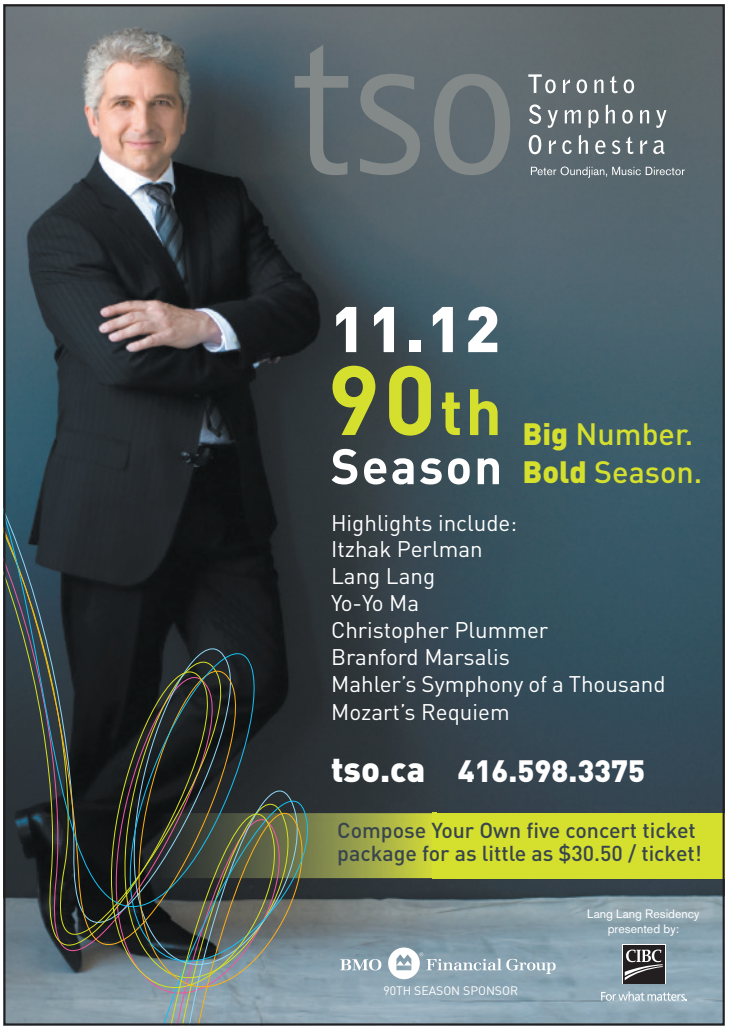

In Focus

RICHARD CROUSE

▶ Spelunker Richard Roxburgh in Sanctum

CLAN OF THE CAVE MOVIE

Savvy filmmakers tap into our bottomless appetite for the terrors of a black hole

In the new 3-D film Sanctum, a group of cave divers get their "spelunk on" in the least accessible cave system on Earth. Down deep they run into problems and end up in a fight for their lives.

If that synopsis sounds familiar, it should. Most cave movies have similar plots. Here's the typical rundown: A group of people jump into a hole and bad things happen. Usually, at least one of the characters says, "It's so deep ... you can't even see the bottom," just before they disappear forever.

The most frightening cave movie has to be The Descent, a 2005 spelunker in which six women trapped in an Appalachian cave system are hunted by pasty humanoid creatures. Horror website Bloody Disgusting ranked it as one of the top horror films of the decade.

The year 2005 was a big one for creepy cave movies.

The Cave, starring Piper Perabo and Cole Hauser as cavers who are stalked by bloodthirsty creatures, offers some genuinely terrifying moments. Then there's WithIN (also 2005).

And don't forget the subterranean thriller What Waits Below (1984).

Why do people like Sanctum producer James Cameron keep making these movies?

And why do we keep coming back for more?

I think it's because they're about the most primal feelings of all: claustrophobia, fear of the dark and the unknown.

After all, what could be scarier than a giant hole with who-knows-what living in it?

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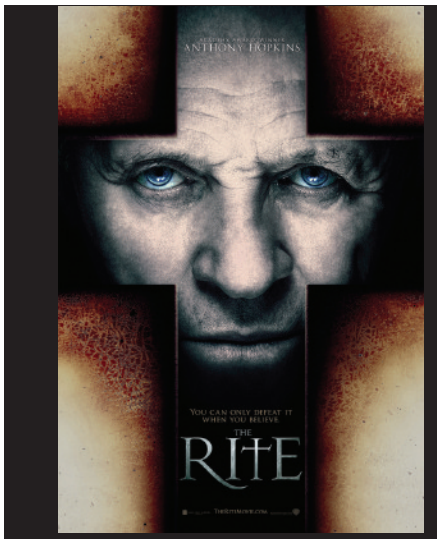

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Sheen barred from seeing daughters

- Ex-wife at wit's end over actor's antics
- He asked porn star to babysit kids

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▶ Richards, with daughters Sam and Lola Rose, at an AIDS benefit in 2010.

Denise Richards has reportedly reached the breaking point when it comes to ex-husband Charlie Sheen and has barred him from seeing their daughters until he completes rehab, according to Popeater.

What did it was apparently porn star Kacey Jordan's admission on Good Morning America that Sheen asked her to babysit his kids. "Denise has had enough," a source says. "All this time she has been trying to protect Charlie in the eyes of his daughters, limiting what they know about his partying ways, but now she knows it's the girls that need protecting, not Charlie." METRO

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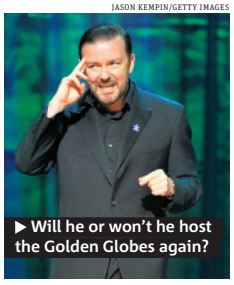

▶ Will he or won't he host the Golden Globes again?

Gervais eyes global domination

Despite public complaints about Ricky Gervais' performance and reports that he was banned from future appearances, the folks behind the Golden Globes apparently want the British comic back next year. "The ratings went up again, and the organizers asked me to consider a third year," Gervais reveals to Heat magazine. "I don't think I should. I don't know what I could do better. I certainly couldn't get more press for them, that's for sure." METRO

Talking points

Lohan, Glee cast make up

OLIVE BRANCH. The cast of Glee is said to have made amends with Lindsay Lohan after using her as a punchline in an episode last year, TMZ says. Sources say Lohan was dining in West Hollywood over the weekend when members of the cast — minus Lea Michele and Jane Lynch, who weren't present — apologized for the episode, in which guest star Gwyneth Paltrow said, "Lindsay Lohan is totally crazy, right? ... How many times has Lindsay Lohan gone to rehab?" Lohan reportedly accepted their apology. METRO

Kruger happy not to wed

READ IT AND WEEP, GUYS. Diane Kruger may be enjoying life with boyfriend Joshua Jackson, but don't expect wedding bells anytime soon. "Without sounding pessimistic, I learned that I don't believe in marriage," she tells Glamour. "I believe in a commitment that you make in your heart. There's no paper that will make you stay." Kruger knows from experience, since she was previously married to French actor Guillaume Canet for five years. METRO

Kate: Rock that frock

One of the biggest questions surrounding Kate Middleton's April 29 nuptials with Prince William is what colour her dress will be.

"White is a tough colour to pull off, so I'm sure both bride and designer are talking about cream and ivory as well," a source tells Popeater. "Kate certainly takes fashion risks. When she attended a friend's wedding a few weeks ago she wore black and no bra. Anyone expecting a boring dress for her big day or boring white should think again." METRO

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Celebrity tweets

Kirstie Allie [@kirstie alley] I saw this guy in his big row boat who had rescued about 8 Queensland kangaroos ... it was so sweet ... Aussies are tough and able ... BRAVE

Michael Chiklis [@Michael Chiklis] Tough time slot but we're hanging in there. The show itself is getting better and better. Raising all the stakes!

Elijah Wood [@wood elijah] goodbye 20s

Steve Martin [@Steve Martin ToGo] I'm on a campaign to play Lois Lane. METRO

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Discover Florida's best kept secret

Locals have kept Emerald Coast under wraps for years Surf town U.S.A. meets New England in these colourful beachside communities

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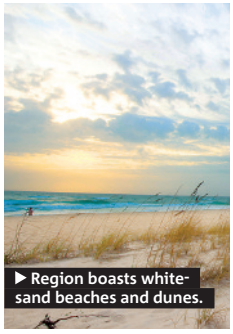

▶ Region boasts white-sand beaches and dunes.

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▶ Don't miss Seaside, where trailers sell cupcakes, shakes and grilled cheese sandwiches.

One of Florida's hidden gems is far from the bright lights of Miami's South Beach or the amusement park wonderland of Orlando.

Here, wispy sand dunes protect the white shores that are so white that, at a glance, you could swear you're looking at mounds of snow — that is, until you remind yourself that you're in Florida.

Welcome to the beaches of the Emerald Coast in northwest Florida — a region made up of several beachside destinations right on the Gulf Coast that local Florida natives have tried to keep under wraps for decades. They may have gotten away with it, too — until the Obama's visited the region's Panama City Beach in August and the tourism board's website received 8 billion views within 36 hours.

From Panama City to the beaches of Fort Walton, Destin and Pensacola, the atmosphere is "white-picket fence" meets "surf town U.S.A." with a New England passion for fresh seafood, finished with a unique twist of southern hospitality.

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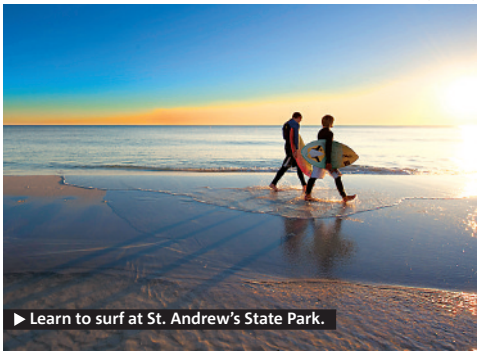

▶ Learn to surf at St. Andrew's State Park.

Vacation like the Obamas in Panama City Beach by staying at the Bay Point Marriott Golf Resort & Spa. Discover the outlet shops at Pier Park, try your hand at surfing at St. Andrew's State Park, and head to Firefly restaurant for the beach's best She Crab Soup with a side of fried Apalachicola Oysters.

Don't miss the town of Seaside where the Truman Show was filmed — its picturesque trailers selling cupcakes, specialty grilled cheese sandwiches and organic shakes — or Grayton Beach State Park where you can go for eco tours, hikes through sand dunes or YOLO boarding (stand-up paddle boarding that originated in this area).

If you're into fishing, then Destin is the place for you. Known as the "world's luckiest fishing village," Destin has the largest charter fishing fleet in all of Florida.

Here, you can fish for grouper, tuna, marlin or red snapper in the morning and take your catch to Destin's Fisherman's Wharf Seafood House where it will be grilled, broiled or blackened for lunch.

Pensacola is the historic capital of the region where you can enjoy the beach in the morning and explore the sights in the afternoon. Discover historical Fort Barrancas built in 1797 and the National Naval Aviation Museum's incredible collection of aircrafts, or go for a tour of the Historic Pensacola Village.

Hotel options range from Hiltons to Hampton Inns or the luxury Portofino Resort & Spa, where you can finish off the day with a visit to the spa. The Fish House offers delicious seafood and the chef's specialty is Grits a Ya Ya: smoked gouda cheese grits with a shrimp, mushroom, spinach and bacon sauce. (At a rumoured 1,000-plus calories, it's worth every bite!)

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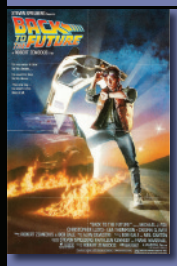 **BACK TO THE FUTURE** **3:45pm** Directed By Robert Zemeckis 116 Min. 1985 Starring Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd Presented In 2K Digital.	**LORD OF THE RINGS: THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING** **12:00pm** Directed By Peter Jackson 178 Min. 2001 Starring Elijah Wood, Ian McKellan Presented In High Definition	**THE GOONIES** **1:00pm** Directed By Richard Donner 114 Min. 1985 Starring Sean Astin, Josh Brolin Presented In High Definition	1979 Starring Sigourney Wea Presented In High Defini
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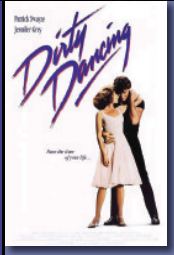
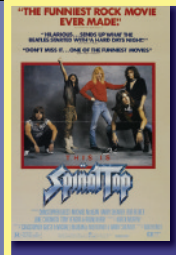
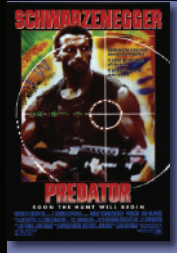
ALIENS **9:10pm** Directed By James Cameron 137 Min. 1986 Starrring Sigourney Weaver, Michael Biehn Presented In High Definition	**LORD OF THE RINGS: THE RETURN OF THE KING** **7:00pm** Directed By Peter Jackson 201 Min. 2003 Starring Elijah Wood, Viggo Mortenson Presented In High Definition	 **DIRTY DANCING** **7:00pm** Directed by Emile Ardolino 100 Min. 1987 Starring Jennifer Grey, Patrick Swayze Presented In High Definition	 1984 Starring Michael McKea Presented In High Defini
 **PREDATOR** **11:59pm** Directed By John McTiernan 107 Min. 1987 Starring Arnold Schwarzenegger Presented In High Definition	**BIG TROUBLE IN LITTLE CHINA** **11:59pm** Directed By John Carpenter 99 Min. 1986 Starring Kurt Russell, Kim Cattrall Presented In High Definition	**THE USUAL SUSPECTS** **9:30pm** Directed by Bryan Singer 106 Min. 1996 Starring Kevin Spacey, Benicio Del Toro Presented In High Definition	1980 Starring Dan Aykroyd, Jo Presented In Digital 2K

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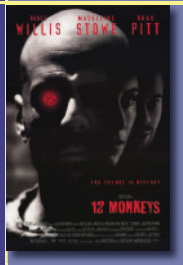

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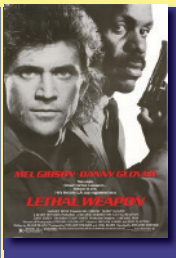

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Breakfast usually consists of strong coffee, fruit, eggs and refried beans, or frijoles. Lunch is a hearty meal that can include tortillas, soups (black bean, pumpkin or chicken), rice and meat. Dinner is generally a lighter version of lunch.

You'll find authentic tortillas, quesadillas and tacos on street food stands, stuffed with fresh tomatoes, peppers, white cheese and shredded meats and topped with avocado, pumpkin seeds, coriander and spicy sauces.

Mexicans also enjoy some bizarre but much-loved delicacies.

You can sink your teeth into a crunchy Maguey worm, a speciality throughout the states of Mexico, Hidalgo and Oaxaca. The worms are wrapped in a mixiote, a fleshy maguey leaf, and cooked in a hot pan until they are crispy and golden.

In the central regions you can try fly eggs, or ahuautli, the Mexican answer to caviar. They are cooked with hens' eggs and served in a tortilla.

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PUMPKIN AND NOPALES

- Pumpkin (seeds included) and nopales (the pads of the prickly pear cactus) are great complements to any meat dish. Recently, nopal has gained the reputation as a superfood thanks to its wide range of nutritional benefits.

QUESADILLAS

- Somewhere between a stuffed pancake and a toasted sandwich, this basic corn tortilla is stuffed with an array of ingredients including cheese, onions, tomatoes, peppers — whatever's in the fridge — and toasted so the cheese melts.

SOPES

- Sopes are thick cornmeal (masa) tortillas with raised edges that can be filled with anything from black beans to chicken to cheese. They are a great choice if you're preparing canapes for a party. Sopes can be fried or cooked on a cast iron pan for a healthier version.

TAMALES

- Tamales were introduced by the Aztec population. The corn dough is wrapped in banana leaves or corn husks then stuffed with shredded pork, beef or cheese, mole and vegetables before being steamed. Tamales are served with atole, a hot beverage made with cornstarch.

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Games offer up more than sports

Halifax to host the 2011 Canada Games Will also offer a packed roster of music, art, food and fun

Hundreds of athletes from across the country will soon descend on Halifax, dreaming of winning a medal at the 2011 Canada Games.

But for those whose dreams also include a hearty meal, good tunes and some downtime, the Nova Scotia capital is offering up a packed roster of things to see and do.

The best part? There's no need to qualify for these events.

"We all know when people come to Halifax, they want to have a good time," says Chris Morrissey, CEO of the 2011 games, being held Feb. 11-27.

On Feb. 14, organizers will kick off a series of free outdoor concerts outside Halifax City Hall, starting with local rockers Joel Plaskett and The Emergency.

Halifax-based Sloan, Newfoundland's Great Big Sea and St. John's indie rockers Hey Rosetta! are among other headliners on the lineup. City and Colour, rapper Buck 65, Hawskley Worksman and the banjo-toting Old Man Luedecke are also set to take the stage at Celebration Square.

Rocker Matt Mays, who's set to play Feb. 17, says the port city's hospitality, fun-loving attitude and enviable art, theatre and music scene make it the perfect place for the games.

A number of Halifax art galleries, museums and historical sites — mostly located in the downtown core — have also planned special exhibits in celebration of the games.

Pier 21, Canada's immigration museum on the waterfront, will host Lace Up: Canada's Passion for Skating, an exhibit detailing the history of the winter tradition in the country.

A 15-minute walk from Pier 21, the Discovery Centre on Barrington Street allows visitors to — quite literally — get in the game. Starting the first week of February, the centre will host the Canadian debut of PLAY, an exhibit featuring larger-than-life parlour games. Visitors of can play in the midst of huge billiard balls or become a game piece on a massive backgammon board.

After exploring all that Halifax has to offer, rumbling stomachs will be thankful for Dine Around, part of the annual Savour Food and Wine festival.

A wide selection of restaurants, serving up everything from seafood to gourmet pizza, will offer prix-fixe menus during Dine Around, which runs from Feb.1-28.

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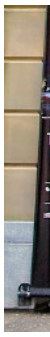

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▶ Visitors to the Canada Games might want to check out the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, featuring a spotlight on the past, present and future of sport.

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▶ Visitors to the Canada Games might want to visit Pier 21, which will host Lace Up: Canada's Passion for Skating.

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Chef Bob Blumer is a glutton for the gastro

The foodie's new cookbook offers savoury dishes and epic stories

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Bob Blumer is a name that many Canadians know as a fun-loving foodie who is most at home with his surreal cooking.

But he is also a respected chef who brings out the flavours of food and creativity in everything he makes.

Before diving into culinary arts, Blumer was a musician who was concerned with feeding himself and his friends.

He was always known for making the best meals, which meant he didn't have to weave his way through busy traffic to visit friends.

Instead, guests would bring food items with a bottle of wine, and it was a relaxed and fun atmosphere that is Blumer continues to share with his loyal readers, viewers and friends.

"I think you elevate your quality of life through food," he says.

These days, it's chefs with whom Blumer has worked in a variety of settings who respect his cooking skills and creativity.

A self-taught chef, he has a unique way of combining bold flavours to produce tasty food that is also whimsical in presentation.

A perfect example is one of Blumer's favourite recipes from his latest cookbook Glutton for Punishment Signature Recipes, Epic Stories and Surreal Etiquette – the Lamb Cupcake.

It has a rich lamb flavour with a savoury mashed potato topping that looks like it should be displayed in a bakery window. It this type of recipe that showcases Blumer's amazing abilities and how he is able to use them to his advantage.

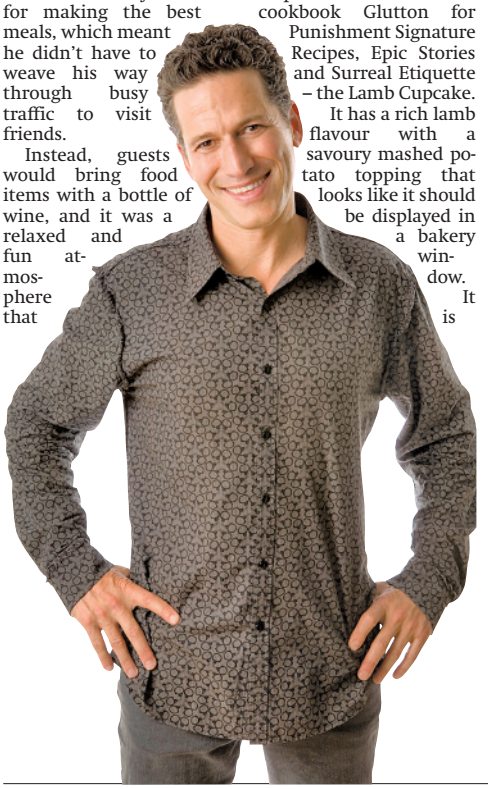
Aside from his latest book, Blumer has recently taken a break from his travels to spend some time at home.

But the break doesn't mean he's not keeping busy.

He enjoys cycling, and his 25-kilometre route through the Hollywood Hills keeps him fit and busy.

Blumer also has a new addition to his humble abode — a chicken coupe! With four chickens, Blumer is making sure they have a happy setting in which to produce eggs for the chef to enjoy and to keep him coming up with new ideas.

"I never want to leave my job. I'm not gonna retire anytime soon," laughs Blumer.



Minute with Bob

What is your drink of choice when cooking?
I'm a wine drinker and I give equal opportunity to white and red wines.

If you could go spatula-to-spatula with any chef, who would it be?
Bobby Flay and it would have to be a cooking triathlon.

If you could cook a meal for anyone, dead or alive, who would it be and what would you make?
Salvador Dali and Rene Magritte and it would have to be a surreal meal from the many surreal dishes in my book.

What was the first cookbook you ever purchased?
I actually wrote my first cookbook before I purchased one.

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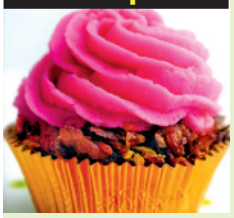
Lamb Cupcakes



Preparation:

1. Season lamb with salt and pepper and coat in flour. In a skillet, heat 3 tbsp (45 mL) of the oil over medium high heat; add lamb shanks and sear, about two minutes per side. Move to roasting pan and wipe out skillet.
2. Add 2 tbsp (30 mL) of oil to pan and heat over medium heat. Sauté one of the onions, carrots and celery and half of garlic until just beginning to brown. Add chicken stock, stirring and bring to the boil. Pour over lamb and add wine. Sprinkle with half of the rosemary and thyme. Cover with foil and braise in 300 F (160 C) oven for 3 1/2 hours, uncover and cook until lamb is browned and falling off the bone tender, about 30 minutes. Remove lamb and pull meat off the bones; reserve meat. Strain braising juices and separate fat from juices.
3. Transfer juice to a pot and simmer and reduce by three quarters until it is a thick demi-glaze; set aside.
4. Steam potatoes over boiling water until very tender, 15 minutes. Using a ricer, mash potatoes. In heatproof bowl, blend potatoes with cream, butter, and season with salt. Using fine side of a grater; grate 2 tbsp (30 mL) of the beet. Set aside.
5. In a skillet, heat 2 tbsp (30 mL) of oil over medium heat and caramelize remaining chopped onion and garlic until golden brown; set aside.
6. Stem remaining rosemary and thyme; chop finely. In bowl, mix lamb meat, 1/3 cup (75 mL) of the demi glaze, onion mixture, bread crumbs, eggs and rosemary and thyme.
7. Line muffin tin with 8 paper liners. With cooking spray, spray interior of liners. Spoon lamb mixture into liners. Bake on 300 F (160 C) until cakes are set, yet moist, about 14 minutes.
8. Reheat potatoes by covering bowl with aluminum foil and placing over pot of boiling water for 5 minutes. When hot, blend in grated beet until pink. Use a piping bag to ice the lamb cupcakes with the potato mixture. Serve.

GLUTTON FOR PLEASURE BY BOB BLUMER

Ingredients:

- 4 lamb shanks
- Salt and pepper
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) all-purpose flour
- 7 tbsp canola oil, divided
- 2 onions, chopped
- 2 each carrots and celery, chopped
- 6 cloves garlic
- 4 cups (1 L) chicken stock
- Half bottle dry red wine
- 3 russet potatoes, peeled and quartered
- 1 beet, roasted and peeled
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) 35% whipping cream
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) butter
- 8 sprigs fresh rosemary, divided
- 6 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1 cup (250 mL) DRY bread crumbs
- 2 eggs

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So, who are you?

Winging a job interview when you're looking for work could cost you a job Doing the same as the interviewer could cost you the job you have

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Job interviewers who freestyle their 20-minute chat with a prospective employee throw the company dice – plus a year's salary and benefits – at the most confident, more often than capable candidate, hiring experts warn. Worse, they risk vamping their way into a courthouse drama.

"You could ask an innocent question and end up with a lawsuit."

President Laura DeCarlo of Career Directors International cautions, "Because of so many legal issues, someone who has liability should probably look at becoming involved in a human resource organization like the Society for Human Resource Management."

Aside from a professional membership card, they should, at the very least, "have a plan."

"Don't go in there thinking 'I'm just going to ask them to tell me about themselves,'" she stresses. "Have about 30 questions."

If you prep your interview like a police investigation – full of confrontational, tightly-focused questions – you could provoke nothing but awkward, stilted answers.

The jobseeker on the other end of the table ought to be made comfortable, Boston-based career coach Leenie Glickman notes – and if you really want to fathom the person you might be working alongside, you'd do better to spark a naturalistic conversation than a narrow pop quiz.

"All of your questions should be open," she suggests. "Like 'Tell me about, tell me about, tell be about."

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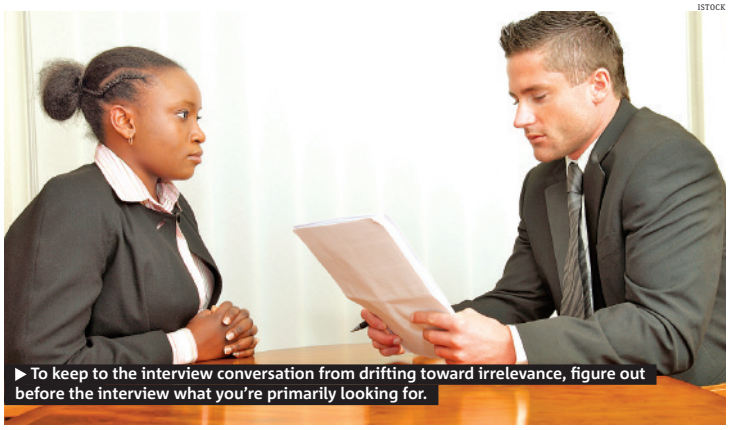

▶ To keep to the interview conversation from drifting toward irrelevance, figure out before the interview what you're primarily looking for.

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The issue of privacy rights in the workplace is a developing area of Canadian law. Recent cases suggest that employees are entitled to have some expectation to privacy at work; however, the extent of these privacy rights remains blurred.

In one case, the court found that the installation of a "secret camera" in an employee's office was an invasion of her privacy. The court found that the employer's conduct amounted to a breach of contract, justifying the employee's resignation. It then awarded her wrongful dismissal damages. However, the court sent the following warning: had a plausible explanation been provided for the "secret camera", the intrusion may have been acceptable.

Employees do have privacy rights at work. However, these rights must be balanced against employers' legal and business interests to monitor its workplace. Courts will be reluctant to overstep an employer's right to police its own workplace, unless it can be shown that an intrusion was uncalled for.

Guidelines

- Assume you are always being monitored at work – if you do not wish others to see personal data, don't access it at work.
- Familiarize yourself with existing company policies regarding the use of technologies at work.
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A better space to ace?

Finding a third-space to work in is vital, experts say

Over the last five years, "co-operative learning" has become a buzz phrase in higher education, with most institutions scrambling to expand group study into nearly every classroom.

But as new study theories abound, what about the actual physical space where students study?

Although there is far less research in this area, many educators are strong proponents of finding a "third space" — aside from your couch, office or classroom — where students can devote nearly 100 percent of their attention to the task at hand.

The very act of creating the space can help to develop good habits.

"Just having the book or computer open does not mean that you're really engaged with the material."
LYNN BECK
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"There's some real value in ritualizing getting into the study mode," says Lynn Beck, dean of education at University of the Pacific. "Having a specific space dedicated to that is key. One of the things we do know from research is that productivity really drops when we're multitasking."

Professor Joseph Murray at Bucknell University has studied how we study for over 10 years. He is a strong proponent of tailoring the study environment for each course. For instance, if you will be using a bluebook in your exam and will take the test along with a large class, that is precisely what you want to mimic: Study in a crowded library, writing longhand in a notebook.

"Research suggests that a trial run or a dress rehearsal significantly increases test results for students," says Murray. "And we know that the closer that dress-rehearsal matches the actual physical attributes of the test, the better students tend to do on it." METRO

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▶ Researchers are beginning to put serious weight on whether the traditional classroom provides an optimal learning environment for students.

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▶ Toronto Maple Leafs celebrate a goal last night by Kris Versteeg, second from right.

Leafs win the hard way

After giving up lead following a late penalty, Toronto manages to hang on and take it in a shootout ◐ Giguere makes 30 saves in regulation time

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TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS	
LEAFS	PANTHERS

Tyler Bozak and Colby Armstrong scored in a shootout as the Toronto Maple Leafs overcame a Phil Kessel penalty that led to a late regulation equalizer in a 4-3 win over the Florida Panthers last night.

Jean-Sebastien Giguere allowed a goal to David Booth on a nice spin move to open the shootout, but then stopped Mike Santorelli and Chris Higgins.

He added 30 saves in regulation in a game between Eastern Conference alsorans.

Kessel, dubbed Mr. Irrelevant after being the last pick in the all-star draft before going pointless in the game, took an elbowing penalty with 4:15 remaining, and 34 seconds later the game was tied.

Cory Stillman redirected Dmitry Kulikov's point shot at 16:19, setting up an exciting overtime that didn't settle matters. Kessel had a breakaway in the dying seconds but couldn't beat Scott Clemmensen, extending his goal drought to eight games.

Kris Versteeg, Nikolai Kulemin and Mikhail Grabovski scored in regulation for the Maple Leafs (20-25-5), who ended a three-game losing streak and won for just the second time in eight outings.

Stephen Weiss and David Booth also scored in regulation for the Panthers (22-22-6), who have won once in their last seven games.

Florida is 11th in the Eastern Conference, five points ahead of Toronto.

Grabovski put the Leafs up 3-2 at 6:16 of the second when he redirected Kaberle's point shot past Clemmensen on a power play.

Leafs forward Mike Brown left the game in the second period and didn't return. He took a heavy hit from Keaton Ellerby along the boards.

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Snow stops Raps from travelling

A monster storm that's cut a frigid path across the U.S. left the Toronto Raptors stranded in Indianapolis for a second straight night.

The Raptors were scheduled to fly to Atlanta Monday night following their 104-93 loss to the Pacers, but that flight was cancelled, sending the team back to the hotel.

The Raptors hoped to leave yesterday, but that flight was also cancelled after the team sat for nearly five hours on a plane.

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NFL's top offensive player? Tom Brady

Tom Brady has won The Associated Press 2010 NFL Offensive Player of the Year Award for the second time in four seasons.

The record-setting New England Patriots' quarterback, who had a string of 355 passes without being intercepted, received 21 votes from a U.S. panel of 50 media members who regularly cover the league. He easily beat Philadelphia quarterback Michael Vick, who received 11 votes.

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Thorpe plans 2012 comeback

Five-time Olympic gold medallist Ian Thorpe says he will end his retirement with the goal of swimming at next year's London Games.

Speaking at a media conference early today, Thorpe said he is returning to competitive swimming and will train ahead of the Australian Olympic selection trials in February or March 2012.

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Raptors preview

Raptors at Hawks
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At 12 games, the Raptors (13-36) have tied their fourth longest losing streak in franchise history after Monday's 104-93 loss at Indiana. Toronto has allowed 100 points or more in eight straight games. The Raptors have lost five straight at Philips Arena.

The Hawks (30-18) have beaten Toronto twice this season, including a 104-101 win in January on a dagger by Mike Bibby in the final seconds. Atlanta will play without forward Marvin Williams, who is serving the second of a two-game suspension for a fight with New York's Shawne Williams Saturday.

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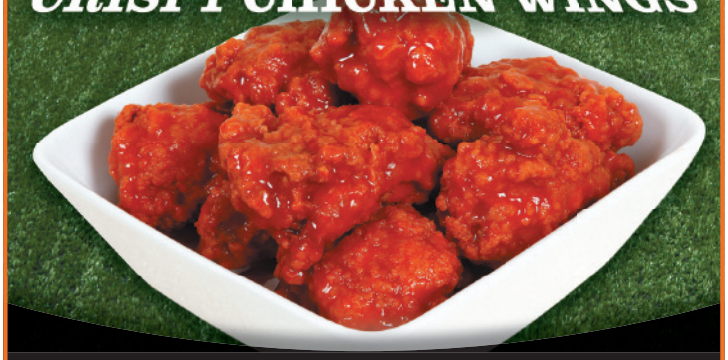

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DON'T GET ATTACHED

Opinion

ADAM PROTEAU
THE HOCKEY NEWS

With the NHL's trade deadline less than four weeks away, you'll be hearing most, if not all, of the Toronto Maple Leafs' roster mentioned in rumours. However, if you know what's good for you, you won't develop an ulcer or worry yourself sick over any scuttlebutt.

For starters, 98 per cent of trade rumours never become reality. But more importantly, if there ever was a time Leafs fans — and management — need to be more discerning when investing their emotions in Toronto's players, it's now.

Don't get me wrong, I don't want to see GM Brian Burke trading away building blocks for the franchise's future. But I've had more than enough of the overvaluing of Leafs players (or as Burke calls it, "Blue and White Disease").

Given the improvement of Luke Schenn and Mikhail Grabovski this season, it will be tough to hear their names bandied about in potential deals; unfortunately, this team hasn't done enough damage in the standings to make anyone an untouchable.

In the past, Blue and White Disease has resulted in questionable contract extensions for, among others, Darcy Tucker and Tie Domi. In both those cases, Toronto was forced to buy out their contracts (and have the remaining salary cap hit spread over more years than team management originally bargained for).

Loyalty can be a good thing, but in Leafs Land, it is used as leverage by players and player agents to squeeze more money out of ownership than they would get in virtually any other market.

The Leafs can't keep falling into that familiar trap. We know Burke won't award free agent deals that can run upwards of 10 years or more, but will he have the intestinal fortitude to say, "No, that amount is too high" to a guy like Clarke MacArthur?

The answer to that question will be a true indication of the lessons management has learned from past Leafs administrations.

It might hurt to wave goodbye to a solid contributor. But if the alternative is tying your cap space up to an unseemly degree, waving goodbye is necessary to say hello to a brighter future.

Workplace Safety & Insurance Board Funding Review

Ontario's Workplace Safety & Insurance Board (WSIB) has launched an independent Review of its finances.

The Funding Review will focus on six important policy issues:

1. Funding
2. Premium rates
3. Rate groups
4. Employer incentives
5. Occupational disease claims
6. Benefits Indexation

It will also propose a plan to address the WSIB's unfunded liability.

Workers, employers and other Ontarians concerned about the WSIB's financial future can express their views at public hearings that are being organized across the province in April.

Interested parties must register to participate in the hearings no later than February 18, 2011. Public hearing locations and dates will be based on indications of interest received by the deadline.

Further information on the review and how to participate in the public consultation is contained in *Funding Ontario's Workplace Safety and Insurance System: A Green Paper for Public Discussion*, which can be found at www.wsibfundingreview.ca.

wsibfundingreview.ca

Super Bowl clock ticking for injured Steeler

Pouncey off crutches, still wearing walking boot ‘I’m hopeful I’ll be ready to go on Super Bowl Sunday,’ he says

Maurkice Pouncey still expects to play in the Super Bowl.

“Most definitely,” the Pittsburgh Steelers’ injured centre said yesterday. “I feel positive right now.”

Pouncey is dealing with a high left ankle sprain, suffered in Pittsburgh’s 24-19 victory over the New York Jets in the AFC championship game.

“I’m walking around pretty good today,” the rookie Pro Bowl selection said. “I couldn’t do anything in the cast. Now that I’m in the walking boot, there’s a lot that I can do now. I’m icing it at night, and I’ve got to elevate it real good. Hopefully, I’m on the bike today and maybe some pool action later.”

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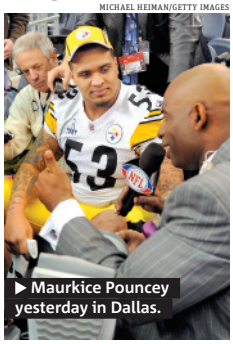

▶ Maurkice Pouncey yesterday in Dallas.

Pouncey did not practise last week, and coach Mike Tomlin has said Pouncey is “not on a running clock” until today — the team’s first practice before the Super Bowl.

“He’s going to give me pretty much all the way until the last day,” Pouncey said. “You’ll pretty much know toward the end of the week if I’m going to play or not.”

Some of his teammates have been talking as though backup Doug Legursky will start against the Green Bay Packers.

“Who said that? Tell me where they’re at,” Pouncey said with a laugh. “Guys don’t really know, man. They have their little assumptions.”

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Montreal	51	28	18	4	1	133	125	61	16-6-3-1	12-12-1-0	6-2-1-1	W1
NY Rangers	52	29	20	2	1	148	126	61	12-11-1-1	17-9-1-0	5-5-0-0	L1
Atlanta	53	24	20	3	6	153	170	57	12-10-1-4	12-10-2-2	2-5-1-2	L1
Carolina	51	25	20	2	4	155	158	56	13-9-1-1	12-11-1-3	5-5-0-0	L1
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Toronto	50	20	25	2	3	128	156	45	11-11-2-2	9-14-0-1	4-5-0-1	W1
Ottawa	51	17	26	5	3	109	162	42	9-14-2-2	8-12-3-1	1-7-1-1	L7
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d-Dallas	50	30	15	1	4	147	137	65	16-6-1-3	14-9-0-1	7-2-0-1	W1
Nashville	50	27	17	4	2	134	119	60	11-4-3-2	16-13-1-0	6-4-0-0	L2
Anaheim	52	28	20	2	2	140	146	60	17-7-0-1	11-13-2-1	7-3-0-0	W2
Phoenix	51	25	17	6	3	149	145	59	10-9-3-2	15-8-3-1	6-4-0-0	W1
Chicago	51	27	20	2	2	164	143	58	16-13-0-0	11-7-2-2	6-3-0-1	W1
Colorado	50	25	19	6	0	161	165	56	14-11-3-0	11-8-3-0	4-5-1-0	L1
San Jose	50	25	19	4	2	139	138	56	12-10-2-1	13-9-2-1	4-5-0-1	L1
Minnesota	49	25	19	1	4	130	134	55	11-11-0-2	14-8-1-2	6-4-0-0	W1
Los Angeles	50	27	22	1	0	143	124	55	17-9-1-0	10-13-0-0	5-5-0-0	W3
Calgary	51	24	21	2	4	144	152	54	14-9-0-1	10-12-2-2	6-1-1-2	W4
St. Louis	49	22	20	3	4	130	146	51	15-8-1-2	7-12-2-2	2-7-1-0	L4
Columbus	50	23	22	3	2	134	159	51	12-12-0-1	11-10-3-1	3-5-1-1	L2
Edmonton	49	15	26	1	7	122	168	38	7-13-1-3	8-13-1-3	2-7-0-1	L1

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Last night's results
Montreal 3 Washington 2 (SO)
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Monday's results
No Games Scheduled.

Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Detroit at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Florida at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Los Angeles at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

DEVILS 2, SENATORS 1

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalty — Rolston NJ (slashing) 6:01.
Second Period
1. New Jersey, Palmieri 4 (Greene, Kovalchuk) 0:35
2. Ottawa, Kovalev 9 (Alfredsson, Karlsson) 5:09 (pp)
Penalties — Volchenkov NJ (tripping) 3:17, Zubrus NJ (high-sticking) 4:59, Z.Smith Ott (roughing) 7:01.
Third Period
3. New Jersey, Zubrus 8 (Elias, Rolston) 14:17
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

Ottawa	2	4	10—16
New Jersey	9	16	8—33

Goal — Ottawa: Lehner (L,1-1-0); New Jersey: Ma.Brodeur (W,11-19-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Ottawa: 1-3; New Jersey: 0-1.
Referees — Paul Devorski, Kyle Rehman.
Linesmen — Steve Miller, Jean Morin.
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MAPLE LEAFS 4, PANTHERS (SO)

First Period
1. Toronto, Versteeg 13 (Armstrong, Schenn) 7:20
2. Florida, Weiss 14 (Higgins, Allen) 18:06
3. Toronto, Kulemin 17 (MacArthur, Grabovski) 18:29
Penalties — Allen Fla (tripping) 1:33, Wideman Fla (slashing) 13:32.
Second Period
4. Florida, Booth 15 (Frolik, Ellerby) 4:54 (pp)
5. Toronto, Grabovski 21 (Kaberle, Kulemin) 6:16 (pp)
Penalties — Rosehill Tor (high-sticking) 3:00, Garrison Fla (high-sticking) 6:11, Timmins Fla (hooking) 7:19, Brent Tor (holding) 13:24, Crabb Tor (hooking) 16:26.
Third Period
6. Florida Stillman 7 (Kulikov, Weiss) 16:19 (pp)
Penalty — Kessel Tor (elbowing) 15:45.
Overtime — No Scoring.
Shootout — Toronto wins 2-1
Florida (1) — Booth, goal; Santorelli, miss; Higgins miss; **Toronto (2)** — Versteeg, miss; Bozak, goal; Armstrong, goal.
Shots on goal by

Florida	11	9	12 1—33
Toronto	12	4	6 4—26

Goal — Florida: Clemmensen (SOL,5-5-3); Toronto: Giguere (W,10-9-3). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Florida: 2-4; Toronto: 1-4.
Referees — Kevin Pollock, Brad Meier. **Linesmen** — Scott Cherrey, David Brisebois.
Attendance — 19,018 (18,819) at Toronto.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Stamkos, TB	38	29	67
Crosby, Pgh	32	34	66
D.Sedin, Vcr	27	37	64
H.Sedin, Vcr	11	50	61
St. Louis, TB	20	40	60
B.Richards, Dal	20	37	57
Zetterberg, Det	16	37	53
E.Staal, Car	25	27	52
Perry, Ana	25	26	51
Ovechkin, Wash	19	32	51
Eriksson, Dal	17	32	49
Kopitar, LA	16	33	49
Kesler, Vcr	27	20	47
Iginla, Cal	22	25	47
Giroux, Pha	19	28	47
M.Richards, Pha	17	30	47
Sharp, Chi	26	20	46
Backstrom, Wash	12	34	46
Ribeiro, Dal	10	36	46
Briere, Pha	26	19	45
Duchene, Col	20	25	45

Not including last night's games

SOCCER

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Manchester United	24	15	9	0	54	22	54
Arsenal	24	15	4	5	50	23	49
Manchester City	24	13	6	5	37	20	45
Chelsea	24	13	5	6	46	21	44
Tottenham	23	10	8	5	32	26	38
Sunderland	25	9	10	6	30	28	37
Liverpool	24	9	5	10	31	31	32
Blackburn	24	9	4	11	31	37	31
Newcastle	23	8	6	9	36	33	30
Stoke	23	9	3	11	28	28	30
Bolton	24	7	9	8	34	35	30
Blackpool	23	8	4	11	34	41	28
Aston Villa	25	7	7	11	28	43	28
Everton	24	5	12	7	28	31	27
Fulham	24	5	11	8	25	26	26
West Brom Albion	24	7	5	12	31	45	26
Birmingham	22	4	11	7	21	31	23
Wigan	25	4	11	10	22	41	23
Wolverhampton	23	6	3	14	24	41	21
West Ham	24	4	9	11	24	43	21

Yesterday's results
Arsenal 2 Everton 1
Sunderland 2 Chelsea 4
Manchester United 3 Aston Villa 1
West Bromwich Albion 2 Wigan 2

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Yesterday's results
Barnsley 2 Preston 0
Bristol City 0 Swansea 2
Cardiff 2 Reading 2
Coventry 1 Nottingham Forest 2
Derby 1 Ipswich 2
Doncaster 1 Burnley 0
Hull 2 Leeds 2
Middlesbrough 2 Scunthorpe 0
Norwich 2 Millwall 1
Sheffield United 0 Leicester 1
Watford 1 Crystal Palace 1
Queens Park Rangers 2 Portsmouth 0

SCOTLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Yesterday's results
Aberdeen 0 Celtic 3
St. Johnstone 2 Hamilton 0

ITALY

SERIE A

Yesterday's result
AC Milan 0 Lazio 0

LACROSSE

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Toronto	5	4	1	.800	62	50	—
Philadelphia	5	3	2	.600	46	45	1
Buffalo	4	2	2	.500	38	38	1½
Rochester	4	2	2	.500	38	48	1½
Boston	6	3	3	.500	55	46	1½

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Minnesota	4	3	1	.750	46	37	—
Calgary	6	4	2	.667	71	69	—
Washington	5	2	3	.400	59	64	1½
Colorado	4	1	3	.250	39	41	2
Edmonton	5	0	5	.000	44	59	3½

Week Four
Saturday's results
Calgary 12 Edmonton 11 (OT)
Toronto 8 Buffalo 5
Boston 16 Rochester 7
Minnesota 11 Washington 10 (OT)
Philadelphia 12 Colorado 11
Friday's results
Calgary 15 Edmonton 11
Philadelphia 11 Boston 5
WEEK FIVE
Friday's game
Minnesota at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Philadelphia at Rochester, 2 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Colorado, 9 p.m.

CURLING

CANADIAN JR CHAMPIONSHIP

At Calgary
WOMEN
Round Robin

Province (Skip)	W	L
Alberta (Chyz)	8	0
B.C. (Silvertson)	5	2
Saskatchewan (T.Paulsen)	5	2
New Brunswick (Armstrong)	5	3
Manitoba (B.Meakin)	4	3
Ontario (Grandy)	4	3
P.E.I. (Fullerton)	4	4
Northern Ont. (Johnston)	3	4
Nova Scotia (Doucet)	3	4
Yukon (Koltun)	3	4
N.L. (Porter)	2	6
Quebec (Routledge)	2	6
NWT (Williams)	0	7

Yesterday's results
Eighth Draw
Alberta 6 Northwest Territories 4
Northern Ontario 7 Quebec 6
P.E.I. 10 Yukon 5
B.C. 4 Saskatchewan 3
New Brunswick 10 Nova Scotia 8
Ontario 9 Newfoundland & Labrador 3
Ninth Draw
P.E.I. vs. Northwest Territories; Manitoba vs. Quebec; Northern Ontario vs. Yukon; Ontario vs. Nova Scotia; Saskatchewan vs. New Brunswick; B.C. vs. Newfoundland & Labrador.
Monday's late results
Seventh Draw
Manitoba 7 Saskatchewan 6 (extra end)
Northern Ontario 8 Northwest Territories 5
Nova Scotia 8 Quebec 7 (extra end)
Alberta 11 Ontario 7
New Brunswick 13 B.C. 7
Newfoundland & Labrador 8 P.E.I. 4
Today's games
(All times Eastern)
Draw 10, 3 p.m.
Ontario vs. Northern Ontario; Nova Scotia vs. B.C.; Newfoundland & Labrador vs. Saskatchewan; Alberta vs. P.E.I.; Yukon vs. Quebec; Manitoba vs. Northwest Territories.

MEN
Round Robin

Province (Skip)	W	L
Saskatchewan (Moskowy)	7	0
Ontario (Camm)	5	2
Nova Scotia (K.Thompson)	5	2
N.L. (C.Thomas)	5	3
New Brunswick (Rennie)	5	3
Yukon (T.Scoffin)	4	3
Alberta (Hodgson)	4	4
Northern Ont. (Johnston)	3	4
NWT (C.Miller)	2	5
Manitoba (Good)	2	5
B.C. (Gardner)	2	4
P.E.I. (Pitre)	2	6
Quebec (Bourget)	2	6

Yesterday's results
Eighth Draw
Alberta 6 NWT 3
Northern Ontario 7 Quebec 3
Yukon 10 P.E.I. 3
Nova Scotia 10 New Brunswick 8
Ontario 9 N.L. 3
Saskatchewan 11 B.C. 2
Ninth Draw
P.E.I. vs. Northwest Territories; Manitoba vs. Quebec; Northern Ontario vs. Yukon; Saskatchewan vs. New Brunswick; B.C. vs. Newfoundland & Labrador; Ontario vs. Nova Scotia.
Monday's late results
Seventh Draw
Northwest Territories 11 Northern Ontario 6
Nova Scotia 8 Quebec 6
Saskatchewan 8 Manitoba 7 (extra end)
New Brunswick 7 B.C. 3
Ontario 6 Alberta 4
P.E.I. 8 Newfoundland & Labrador 4
Today's early games
(All times Eastern)
Draw 10, 3 p.m.
Ontario vs. Northern Ontario; Nova Scotia vs. B.C.; Newfoundland & Labrador vs. Saskatchewan; Alberta vs. P.E.I.; Yukon vs. Quebec; Manitoba vs. Northwest Territories.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	36	11	.766	—
d-Miami	34	14	.708	2½
d-Chicago	33	14	.702	3
Orlando	31	18	.633	6
Atlanta	30	18	.625	6½
New York	25	22	.532	11
Philadelphia	21	26	.447	15
Charlotte	20	27	.426	16
Milwaukee	19	27	.413	16½
Indiana	18	27	.400	17
Detroit	17	31	.354	19½
New Jersey	15	34	.306	22
Washington	13	34	.277	23
Toronto	13	36	.265	24
Cleveland	8	40	.167	28½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	40	7	.851	—
d-L.A. Lakers	33	15	.688	7½
Dallas	32	15	.681	8
d-Oklahoma City	30	17	.638	10
New Orleans	31	18	.633	10
Utah	29	20	.592	12
Denver	28	20	.583	12½
Portland	25	22	.532	15
Memphis	25	24	.510	16
Phoenix	22	24	.478	17½
Houston	22	27	.449	19
Golden State	20	27	.426	20
L.A. Clippers	19	28	.404	21
Sacramento	12	33	.267	27
Minnesota	11	36	.234	29

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Last night's results
Washington at New Orleans
San Antonio at Portland
Boston at Sacramento
Houston at L.A. Lakers
Monday's results
Indiana 104 Toronto 93
New Jersey 115 Denver 99
Miami 117 Cleveland 90
Memphis 100 Orlando 97
Dallas 102 Washington 92
Utah 83 Charlotte 78
L.A. Clippers 105 Milwaukee 98
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Toronto at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Portland at Denver, 9 p.m.
Milwaukee at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Houston at Utah, 9 p.m.
Chicago at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Miami at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

LATE MONDAY

PACERS 104, RAPTORS 93

TORONTO (93)
Weems 6-13 0-0 12, A.Johnson 8-14 2-5 18, Bargnani 3-15 6-8 12, Calderon 6-12 0-0 13, DeRozan 3-15 4-4 10, Davis 6-9 1-1 13, Wright 2-7 0-0 4, Bayless 4-7 3-3 11. Totals 38-92 16-21 93.
INDIANA (104)
Granger 3-15 4-4 11, McRoberts 2-4 0-0 4, Hibbert 9-19 6-9 24, Collison 7-9 0-0 16, Dunleavy 2-6 2-2 8, Hansbrough 6-13 2-2 14, Foster 0-0 0-0 0, George 4-8 7-8 16, D.Jones 1-3 0-0 3, Price 2-4 3-3 8. Totals 36-81 24-28 104.

Toronto	21	24	25	23	93
Indiana	32	19	24	29	104

3-Point Goals—Toronto 1-6 (Calderon 1-2, Bayless 0-1, Wright 0-1, Bargnani 0-2), Indiana 8-20 (Collison 2-3, Dunleavy 2-4, D.Jones 1-2, Price 1-2, George 1-3, Granger 1-6). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 45 (A.Johnson 8), Indiana 63 (Hibbert 11). Assists—Toronto 16 (Calderon 7), Indiana 19 (Collison 6). Total Fouls—Toronto 21, Indiana 15. Technicals—Indiana defensive three second.
A—10,258 (18,165) at Indianapolis.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	43	409	348	1244	28.9
Stoudemire, NYK	47	460	302	1231	26.2
James, MIA	46	408	319	1197	26.1
Wade, MIA	44	397	298	1130	25.5
Bryant, LAL	48	432	296	1223	25.5
Ellis, GOL	47	442	222	1182	25.1
Rose, CHI	46	409	233	1124	24.4
Gordon, LAC	41	333	242	988	24.1
Anthony, DEN	41	340	271	980	23.6
Nowitzki, DAL	38	318	200	876	23.0
Martin, HOU	47	313	353	1081	23.0
Westbrook, OKC	47	360	333	1064	22.6
Griffin, LAC	47	408	250	1072	22.6
Howard, ORL	47	370	313	1053	22.3
Williams, UTA	46	325	277	1009	21.9
Love, MIN	47	339	273	1016	21.6
Bargnani, TOR	43	345	170	909	21.4
Granger, IND	44	316	196	923	21.2
Aldridge, POR	47	394	197	988	21.0
Beasley, MIN	43	352	132	874	20.3
Randolph, MEM	45	361	173	898	20.2
Gay, MEM	47	360	165	938	20.1
Lopez, NJN	49	354	254	962	19.5
Scola, HOU	49	393	161	947	19.3
Pierce, BOS	47	314	203	902	19.2
West, NOR	48	368	175	913	19.0
Ginobili, SAN	47	269	241	884	18.8
Bosh, MIA	44	308	192	813	18.7

Not including last night's games

NFL

SUPER BOWL XLV

Sunday's game
At Arlington, Texas
Pittsburgh (AFC) vs. Green Bay (NFC), 6:30 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP TOUR PBZ ZAGREB INDOORS

At Zagreb, Croatia
Singles — First Round
Philipp Petzschner (7), Germany, def. Jan Hajek, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-3.
Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, def. Stefan Koubek, Austria, 6-3, 6-2.
Blaz Kavcic, Slovenia, def. Mischa Zverev, Germany, 6-2, 7-5.
Alexander Bogomolov, Jr., U.S., def. Antonio Veic, Croatia, 2-6, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (2).
Igor Kunitsyn, Russia, def. Jaroslav Pospisil, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-2.
Daniel Brands, Germany, def. Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, 7-5, 6-7 (3), 7-6 (1).

ATP SA OPEN

At Johannesburg
Yesterday's results
Singles — First Round
Milos Raonic, Thornhill, Ont., def. Yen-hsun Lu (2), Taiwan, 6-3, 6-3.
Jesse Huta Galung, Netherlands, vs. Janko Tipsarevic (3), Serbia, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 3-3 (susp., rain).
Kevin Anderson (4), South Africa, def. Stephane Bohli, Switzerland, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.
Dustin Brown, Germany, def. Florent Serra (5), France, 6-4, 6-4.
Adrian Mannarino (6), France, def. Yuri Schukin, Kazakhstan, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (6).
Michal Przysiezny (8), Poland, def. Martin Fischer, Austria, 6-1, 6-2.
Izak Van der Merwe, South Africa, def. Stephane Robert, France, 6-3, 6-2.
Denis Gremelmayr, Germany, def. Nikola Scholtz, South Africa, 6-4, 7-5.
Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, leads Dudi Sela, Israel, 6-1, 2-3 (susp., rain).

ATP MOVISTAR OPEN

At Santiago, Chile
Singles — First Round
David Nalbandian (1), Argentina, def. Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.
Maximo Gonzalez, Argentina, def. Juan Monaco (2), Argentina, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.
Fabio Fognini (7), Italy, def. Lukasz Kubot, Poland, 7-6 (6), 6-2.
Santiago Giraldo (8), Colombia, def. Facundo Bagnis, Argentina, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, def. Ricardo Hocevar, Brazil, 7-6 (2), 6-4.

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Keys for the situation

Up for grabs with the Boss is the dealer-installed TracKey system.

The black key is for street driving, while the red key is used for days at the track. The latter provides a more aggressive tune, complete with a raggedy competition idle as well as "launch control."

Ford does not recommend red-key use on the street as the throttle response is hair-trigger.

Visual cues

The Boss wears the historic "C-stripe" along each side, a blacked-out hood scoop and roof and front and rear spoilers.

Inside, there's a special Boss steering wheel, suede seat inserts, or optional Recaro-brand bucket seats that are identical to those installed on the current Mustang GT500.

High-revving horsepower

Using the 5.0-litre V8-powered Mustang GT as the starting point, the Boss gets a less-restrictive intake system and revised camshafts as its main tweaks.

Output is increased to 444 horsepower from the GT's 412, but peak torque is down 10 pound-feet from the GT's 390. This is not an uncommon trade-off for additional high-revving horsepower. The engine is hooked to a close-ratio six-speed manual transmission along with a heavier duty clutch.

BASE PRICE: $48,000

▶ Yes, the Boss 302 has stripes and different wheels than the standard GT, but unlike many other retro-Mustang models that Ford has put out, the Boss actually has a mission: to be as close to a legal race car for the street as you'll get anywhere.

This Boss can do the road or the track

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Why is the Boss 302 back?

Aside from pressing all the right nostalgia hot buttons and providing enthusiasts with a high-performance car that's good for the road or the track, the real reason might be the engine.

Without a "302" there could never be a Boss 302 in the first place.

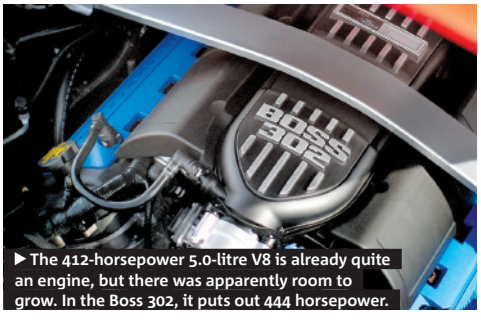
The new Boss wasn't possible until the 2011 model year when the 412-horsepower 5.0-litre V8 (302 cubic inches) replaced the 4.6 in the GT model. Thus the road was paved for the revival of the Boss 302.

But just what kind of nostalgia are we talking about, here?

This legendary race-bred model helped set the Sports Car Club of America's Trans Am racing series on fire in 1969 and '70, providing spirited competition for the rest of the Ponycar pack from General Motors, Chrysler, and American Motors.

Fast forward four decades. In early 2011, two versions of the new Boss 302 will arrive to do the original proud: a fully dressed dual-purpose street/track edition; and a track-specific (but not track only) "Laguna Seca Package" model.

▶ The already excellent Mustang interior is highlighted with extra instrumentation and grippy seats to keep drivers planted behind the wheel during acrobatics on track days.



▶ The 412-horsepower 5.0-litre V8 is already quite an engine, but there was apparently room to grow. In the Boss 302, it puts out 444 horsepower.

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Aiding traction on the Boss are Pirelli tires mounted on 19-inch-diameter wheels that are wider by half an inch in the back to accommodate the wider rubber. Ford claims that skid-pad grip with this combo exceeds 1.0 g of lateral acceleration, which is in supercar territory.

Boss 302

What you should know about the 2012 Ford Mustang Boss 302:

- **Type:** Two-door hardtop.
- **Engine (hp):** 5.0-litre DOHC V8 (444).
- **Transmission:** Six-speed manual.
- **Stats:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 12.0/7.5 (est.).

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By comparison

Cadillac CTS-V Coupe
Base price: $71,250
Brawny, slinky and pricey two-door makes 556 road-ripping horsepower.

Dodge Challenger SRT8
Base price: $49,000 (est.)
Updated 2011 model now puts out 470 horsepower from new 6.4-litre V8.

Chevrolet Camaro SS
Base price: $38,500
6.2-litre V8 makes 426 hp, but rumoured Z28 output jumps to 550 horses.

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Who says used buyers can't indulge?

Last-generation SRX boasted exciting driving dynamics

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Looking for a cheap and simple used family crossover?

I'll do you a favour and tell you to sign off here. This week's used vehicle review will focus on the first-generation Cadillac SRX, which is a machine that takes the higher-end approach to family hauling.

Like many of its competitors, the SRX existed somewhere between a wagon, minivan and SUV. It was available with six or eight-cylinder power, two or all-wheel drive and plenty of goodies. It was on sale in Canada from 2004 to 2009 inclusive, and has now been replaced by an all-new model that launched for the 2010 model year.

Standard for the flexible SRX was a 3.6-litre V6 with around 280 horsepower, a five or six-speed automatic and rear-wheel drive.

Shoppers after more performance could check out the available 4.6-litre Northstar V8 and its 320 horsepower.

All Wheel Drive (AWD) was available with either engine, designating the model carrying it as an 'SRX4'.

The 4-1-1

- **Model:** 2004 to 2009 Cadillac SRX
- **Vehicle Type:** Crossover SUV
- **Approximate used price range:** $10,000 to $33,000

Features and equipment included wood trim, heated leather seating, an oversized sunroof, xenon lighting, premium audio and a motorized lift-gate. Note that like most premium brands, Cadillac didn't designate the SRX with any obvious trim level system — so a bit of research may be required to track down the options you're after.

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▶ 2007 Cadillac SRX V8

WHAT OWNERS LIKE

Feature content, relative value, V8 performance and all-weather driving confidence are all highly rated by SRX owners.

Many report agile and sporty handling dynamics and a dynamic steering feel, too. The SRX was based on the same platform as the CTS sport sedan, and it seems to show where driving dynamics are concerned.

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▶ A look at the cabin of the '07 Cadillac SRX V8.

WHAT OWNERS HATE

Owner gripes tend to deal with complicated interior control interfaces, a clutzy navigation system, poor rearward visibility and the lack of a dedicated cell phone holder and power outlet.

Squeaks and rattles tend to become apparent as the SRX ages, and owners opting for the V8 engine tend to wish for better fuel economy.

COMMON ISSUES

When test-driving, 'listen' to the rear differential for signs of noise — including a clicking, grinding or 'ratcheting' sound during tight, low-speed corners. Any such sounds could indicate a worn rear differential. This was a well documented problem with the SRX, and changing a rear differential out of warranty will prove a pricey endeavour.

Shoppers are also advised to double and triple check all accessories and electronics for proper operation — including the windows, motorized seats and stereo system. Note any 'check engine' lights as well. Dig around for signs of water or moisture in the carpeting in the front footwells, as well as the cargo area in the back. Lift the carpeting away and remove the panel that covers the jack in the rear of the vehicle, looking for signs of mildew or rust caused by a potential water leak.

Finally, avoid models with the massive 'ultra-view' sunroof, which seems somewhat prone to motor failure, breakage and possible leaks.

THE VERDICT

A well-maintained and healthy last-gen SRX should provide a unique luxury crossover experience at a lower-than-average price.

WINTER CAR WASHING

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Trying to keep your car clean during winter is a noble yet tragic calling. Those that are called must persevere in the face of certain defeat.

We tip our toques to them. These winter-washers only have fleeting respites from the enemy, but at least they have respites — and their dignity. The rest of us just hang our heads in shame as we approach our salt-encrusted chariots.

But maybe you suffered long enough the slings and arrows of outrageous salt stains on your pant cuffs and black overcoat, and are finally ready to make a "clean" start.

Well good on you then, and to help you in your noble cause we present these winter car cleaning tips, gleamed from a recent conversation with a battle-tested expert.

Winter adds two obvious wrinkles to the car washing exercise — freezing temperatures and salt. David Lee is the owner-operator of L.A. Detail, which shines up vehicles for many national accounts, including Toyota Canada and Mazda Canada.

If you're hand washing your vehicle he cautions to keep an eye out for when the water starts to ice up on your vehicle or on your brush.

"You don't want to be scrubbing frozen grit and salt over your car," notes Lee.

He adds that you are probably better off to lay off any mitt or brushwork entirely during winter, and just let soap and water do their thing.

If fact, he recommends no-touch or soft-cloth automatic washes, for the convenience, for the non-scratch safety factor, and for the better job they do on vehicle undersides.

Either way, as soon as you're done, he advises to get out some terry cloths and wipe down the door and trunk jams, so that ice doesn't freeze them shut.

To keep door locks from freezing up, Lee also suggests that winter-washers apply lock de-icer as soon as possible post-wash.

After the wash, also be sure to set your HVAC system to defrost, which utilizes the car's air-con system to remove the extra moisture the wash has just introduced into the car (otherwise you will immediately "fog" up).

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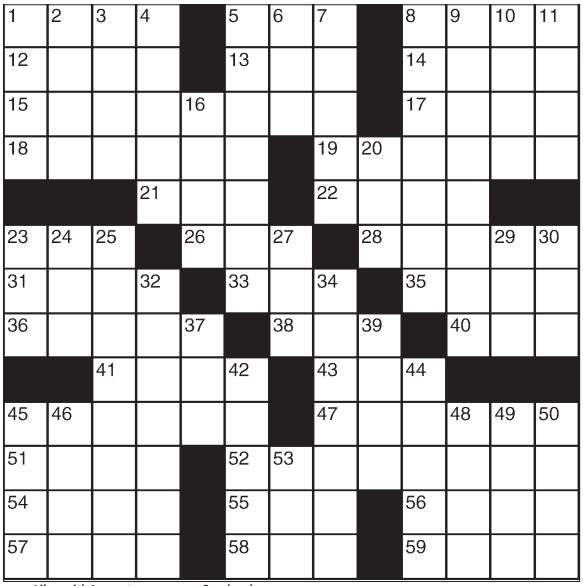

Across

1 Morse code component
5 Crony
8 One of the Three Bears
12 Japanese aborigine
13 Actress Yasbeck
14 Vaccine type
15 Theatrical
17 Romance novelist Roberts
18 Have high hopes
19 Fruit juice extractor
21 N.J. neighbor
22 Taj Mahal city
23 Bridge declaration
26 Hearty brew
28 Square dance group
31 Commotions
33 Whatever amount
35 Apiary structure
36 Palin book, "Going —"
38 Water barrier
40 Metal container
41 Create
43 Apprehend
45 No longer stubbly
47 Pure gold has 24
51 Flying toy
52 Having a topic
54 Eye part
55 Regret
56 Energetic
57 Denomination
58 Sycophant's reply
59 Gush forth

Down

1 Arp's style
2 Ostentation
3 Break suddenly
4 Like mid-August weather
5 Kneecap
6 French friend
7 Stretchy synthetic
8 Ruler
9 Scented
10 Former filly
11 Winged
16 Vicinity
20 Id counterpart
23 Tavern
24 Altar affirmative
25 Pontifical
27 Tackle's teammate
29 Gabor or Longoria
30 Sawbuck
32 Most debonair
34 Steinbrenner's squad
37 — out a living
39 Sir's companion
42 Journal jotting
44 Boasts
45 Vail gear
46 Take on
48 On
49 Buster Brown's dog
50 Garbage barge
53 Coloration

▶ Yesterday's answer

E	A	S	Y	■	A	P	R	■	R	A	J	A
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Sudoku

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	3						9	
	6		4	7			2	5
5		1	6					
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4	9		2					

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

9	3	7	6	5	4	8	1	2
2	4	8	1	9	7	6	5	3
5	6	1	3	8	2	7	4	9
3	8	9	5	2	1	4	6	7
6	2	4	8	7	9	5	3	1
1	7	5	4	6	3	9	2	8
7	9	3	2	4	6	1	8	5
4	5	2	9	1	8	3	7	6
8	1	6	7	3	5	2	9	4

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 If you have to change plans last minute and let someone down today, so be it. If you don't make a big deal of it, chances are he or she won't, either.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Your enthusiasm for a work project may be undiminished, but you are putting in rather a lot of time and energy for so little in return. It may not yet be time to make a change, but start thinking about it anyway.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 There are many things going right in your life, so why make a fuss about the one little thing that is going wrong? Your mind creates your reality, so the less attention you give it, the less it will matter.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 If you've been spending money like it is going out of fashion, it might be wise to curb your extravagance over the next few days. Those shiny things in shop windows may look lovely, but you can't have them all.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Where your work is concerned, you need to focus on quality rather than quantity. That may mean having to cut back on some of your less important commitments. Do less but do it better.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You may be feeling on top of the world, physically, at the moment but there is still a danger you might take on too much. Focus your energy on what matters the most to you.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 It's not often you lose your sense of balance, but the approaching new moon is having a strange effect on your emotions. Don't be surprised to find yourself happy one moment, and even happier the next.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Family members may be difficult to get along with right now, but there's no point making an issue of it. Pretend that everything is okay with the world. They won't argue that.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 A sudden lack of cash could force you to cut back on social plans, but that's not so bad. If you watch what you spend today, you'll have enough to go wild tomorrow.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Someone who has helped you in the past won't be there for you today and you will feel the sense of loss. It will also make you realize you've been relying on him or her far too much.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You may be on a high right now, but not everyone is as fortunate. Make allowances for those who seem unable to find joy. In fact, make it your mission to cheer them up.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 If you're smart, you won't believe everything you hear today because there are tall stories being told. Others may not be trying to mislead you but someone has mislead them. SALLY BROMPTON

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